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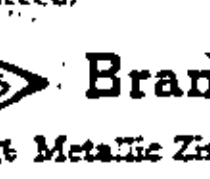
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TO-DAY'S CABLES.

(Reader's Service to the China Mail)

WAGES REDUCTIONS.

COMING STRUGGLE BETWEEN CAPITAL AND LABOUR.

SHADOWS BEFORE.

LONDON, February 27.
Signs are not wanting of the coming struggle between Labour and Capital on the issue of the general reduction of wages. On the one hand the employers are supported by an influential section of the Press, which has rapidly developed a campaign in favour of reduction, sometimes actually advancing figures. On the other hand recent speeches of the leaders of the big unions have strenuously exhorted resistance against reductions. Mr. Hodges, Secretary of the Miners' Federation, enjoins the miners to prepare to prove their solidarity, suggesting a heavy Government subsidy for enabling the present profits and wages to be maintained and reducing coal 20s. a ton, thereby reducing manufacturing costs and improving trade generally.

LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

COUNCIL CONSIDERS A SWISS OBJECTION.

PARIS, February 27.
The Council of the League of Nations discussed Switzerland's refusal to permit the passage of troops to Vilna to supervise the taking of the plebiscite. The submission by the Swiss representative that difficulties were feared in consequence of a lack of agreement between Poland and the Lithuanians as regards the holding of the plebiscite and the Soviet's opposition to foreign contingents was disposed of by M. Leon Bourgeois who stated that the former objection was unfounded and all the arrangements were made in case of the intervention of the Soviets. The matter was adjourned for several days to enable the Swiss Federal Council to re-examine the question.

DANZIG RIFLE MANUFACTURE.

PARIS, February 27.
On the advice of Ishii, the Council of the League of Nations refused the application of the Prime Minister of the town of Danzig for authorisation of the manufacture of 50,000 rifles for the Peruvian Government at the Danzig arms factory.

FRANCE'S UNKNOWN WARRIOR.

CHINESE MINISTER'S GRACEFUL TRIBUTE.

PARIS, February 28.
The Chinese minister laid a wreath and the insignia of the military orders of China on the tomb of the unknown soldier in the name of the President of the Republic of China. The Minister, in a graceful speech, paid a tribute to the unknown hero, a valiant representative of the soldiers of France who saved France, Europe, and the whole of civilisation.

EX-GERMAN SHIPS.

MYSTERIOUS ACCIDENT TO FAR EASTERN TROOPER.

LONDON, February 27.
Another to-day is added to the list of mysterious accidents which have befallen ex-German ships handed over to the Allies. A 6,000-ton vessel renamed the "Huntsbill," which was due to sail on Tuesday from Southampton with troops for the Far East, inexplicably listed and sank in the mud. At present she is half submerged.

FRENCH WINES.

THE BEST ANTIDOTE FOR ALCOHOLISM.

PARIS, February 27.
During the discussion of the foreign affairs estimates in the Chamber of Deputies, the Minister of Finance, replying to a question as to whether the use of French wines was forbidden at the French Embassy in Washington, said that the Ambassador, M. Jusserand was too good a judge of wine to exclude the best in the world from his table. On the contrary, he was convinced that M. Jusserand would be able to show America that if it were a good thing to combat alcoholism French wines were the best antidote for it.

YAP ISLAND DISPUTE.

SIR AUCKLAND GEDDES NOT TO ACT AS MEDIATOR.

WASHINGTON, February 27.
The report that Sir Auckland Geddes is to mediate on the Yap question is discredited by the State Department which declares that it has not heard of any offer and does not expect one. Some official circles point out that it would be an unusual proceeding for one of the interested parties to attempt to act as umpire.

TIPLIS STILL SAFE.

PARIS, February 27.

The Georgian Government has telegraphed denying the report of the fall of Tiflis.

PERSIAN COUP D'ETAT.

ALLAHABAD, February 27.

Rizakhan, the author of the coup d'etat in Persia, announces the creation of a new army, retaining the Cossacks as a special guard. He refuses to accept the Anglo-Persian agreement in its present form.

NEW AMERICAN CABINET.

ST. AUGUSTINE, FLORIDA, February 27.

Mr. Theodore Roosevelt, son of the former President, has been appointed Assistant Secretary of the Navy.

U. S. EMERGENCY TARIFF BILL.

WASHINGTON, February 27.

The House of Representatives has ratified the report of the joint conference on the Fordney Emergency Tariff Bill. It is expected that the Senate will adopt it this week.

THE DOLLAR.

To-day's closing rate 2/4 7/8
To-day's opening rate 2/5 1/8

CORRESPONDENCE.

HE HAS REASON.

[To the Editor of the "China Mail."]

Sir,—I am having your para re "Music that talks" which appeared in your yesterday's issue cut out and put in the Regimental scrap book as an amusing curiosity and a good example of the pitfalls which await unformed criticism.

The "time" alluded to is evidently "The Church Call" which I believe, speaking without the book, has been played by every regiment in the Service since the days of Wellington, possibly before and is as much a call as "Reveille," "Last Post" or any other. I am afraid therefore as "A man of the Whits." I shall have to stand convicted in your eyes of not being a man, as I certainly don't intend, even if I had the power, to alter old Service and Regimental Customs, even though a lady finds them monotonous. Moreover, I fancy others do not.—Yours faithfully,

R. WYNDHAM, Lt.-Colonel,
Comd., 2nd Wiltshire Regt.
Murray Barracks.
February 27, 1921.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

[Butler's Service to the China Mail.]

COAL MINING OUTLOOK.

LONDON, February 27th.
The danger of the coal crisis appears to have increased, as the coal-owners have decided to give the miners a fortnight's notice, immediately after March 31st, when the industry will be decontrolled, and the loss estimated at £2,000,000 weekly, owing to the trade slump and the decline in coal exports, which the Government is now making good, will fall upon the coal industry.

It is stated that owners are of the opinion that 20 to 25 per cent. reduction in wages will be necessary in order to put the industry on a sound economic footing. They urge that State control should be continued, at least until an agreement is reached between the owners and miners.

MACROOM AMBUSH.

LONDON, February 28th.
It is reported that three killed include a Sinn Fein hostage carried in a motor lorry. It is stated that bloodhounds were used to scour the countryside. After the fight, armoured cars were employed to locate the rebels and bomb them.

Many fled from Macroom fearing reprisals.
A statement issued from the headquarters in Dublin states that after the ambush at Macroom 30 men of the Royal Fusiliers, in motor lorries, pursued parties of rebels across mountainous and boggy region to the Cork and Kerry boundary, where the pursuit was abandoned as other rebels appeared on high ground behind the military.

Two civilians were killed and one captured in this two hours' running fight. There were no military casualties.
A constable, wounded in the ambush, died in the night.

BOMBAY RAILWAY STRIKE.

BOMBAY, February 27th.
The strikers on the Bombay, Baroda and Central India Railway have resumed work unconditionally.

AUSTRALIAN TRADE IN FAR EAST.

SYDNEY, February 28th.
Mr. Hughes announces that, with a view to widening the field of profitable trade in the Far East, the Federal Government will shortly ask Parliament authority to establish a Trade Commissioner Service, which will be linked up with the Bureau of Commerce and Industry. In the meanwhile several temporary appointments will be made; the first appointment will be that of Mr. Edward Little as Trade Commissioner for China.

YAP CABLE DISPUTE.

NEW YORK, February 28th.
The Associated Press correspondent at Washington says it is understood that Sir Auckland Geddes has been instructed to attempt immediate mediation between the United States and Japan on the subject of the Yap cable.

CALCUTTA TRAMWAY STRIKE.

CALCUTTA, February 27th.
The tramway strike has been settled.

The next organ recital by Mr. Desmond Fuller will be given in St. John's Cathedral on Monday next at 9.15 p.m. when the vocalist will be Miss Bertha Meischke. The programme will be a "popular" one and will include Mendelssohn's fine Sonata in F Minor, which has not figured in these programmes for some years and is a work well calculated to show the recent additions and improvements made to the Cathedral organ.

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NATIONAL DRIVE.

URGENT AND TRAGIC NEED.

The urgent and tragic need of the
people of the famine areas in North
China has moved the several Interna-
tional Famine Relief Societies to
determine on a National Famine
Relief Drive to be held February 20-
28th inclusive. The response with
which this project has been received
in all parts of China encourages the
Committee in charge to believe that
a large sum may be secured for
famine relief through this plan. In
Peking an International Committee
has been formed and an influential
group of Chinese is actively at work
on the drive among the Chinese people.

All money received in Peking by
the Drive Committee will be handed
over to the United International
Famine Relief Committee, the funds
of which are under the strictest con-
trol and which has an effective dis-
tributing force in the field, made up
largely of volunteer workers. Con-
tributors can rest assured that the
funds will be most carefully applied.

We are all aware that owing to
the famine conditions there is grave
danger of a typhus epidemic. The
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Committee is the organization which,
through its special Sanitary Depart-
ment, headed by physicians trained
in typhus prevention, is striving to
combat this terrible disease.

The Honorary Treasurer for the
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All the Foreign Exchange Banks, the
Chinese-Foreign Banks, the Bank of
China and the Bank of Communica-
tions have agreed to receive sub-
scriptions for the Drive.

Our Sub-Committee is aware that
most of the members of the foreign
community have already given to
the work of famine relief. We feel,
however, that the distress and
mortality in the famine regions are
so terrible, that one final appeal is
imperative. It is commonly agreed
that the period of greatest suffering
and death through starvation will
come in late February, March and
April. The Sub-Committee for the
cavass among the people of the
foreign nationalities sends out this
appeal with full confidence that the
members of the foreign community
in Peking will give in the spirit of
sacrifice to this cause. Three dollars
silver will be sufficient to carry one
famine victim through to the spring
harvest. Shall we not unite in
saying as many of these lives as
possible?

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Signed by the foreign members of
the Peking Committee of the National
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AFTER MOUNT EVEREST.

WHAT NEXT?

WHAT REMAINS FOR EXPLORERS.

When Mount Everest has been
climbed, what great things will there
be left for man to achieve upon the
earth? asks Mr. Harold Lake.

The North Pole and the South have
been visited. The maps of all the
countries of the world bear witness
to the work of explorers. No notable
stretch of land remains that has not
been surveyed. It might seem that
the world will have yielded up all its
secrets and that nothing will remain
to be conquered or any field left for
those whose adventurous souls drive
them ever into the unknown.

That is a depressing idea. And it
happens also to be absolutely incor-
rect. If you will sit down and look
at a map of the world you will re-
alise that, roughly, two-thirds of the
surface of the earth is as yet un-
trodden by the foot of man, unvisited
by any of the living. Waiting and
inviting exploration is all the vast
ocean bed. The floors of the seven
seas are still virgin territory.

For man, who has armed himself
with power to ride above the clouds,
has not yet discovered any means of
making his way to the normal depths
of the sea. No submarine that has
yet been constructed can safely
plunge to more than a few feet be-
low the surface, and the deeper depth
the mounting weight of water
overhead would crush it. And the
average depth of the ocean bed the
world over is more than 12,000 feet.

HIDDEN DEPTHS.

There are, too, great pits bearing
the same relation to the average
level as the mountain do to the sur-
face of the exposed land. There is
the Kel Trench in the Malay Sea,
21,342 feet deep. In the Indian
Ocean the Sunda Trench has a depth
of 22,968. And in the Pacific off
Mindanao, in the Philippines, there is
an enormous depression where Mount
Everest itself could be drowned
nearly 3,000 feet below the surface.
The depth is 32,089 feet—and the
height of the world's most mighty
mountain is only 29,140 feet. What
there is to be found in these deep
places we cannot tell with any cer-
tainty. Our only present means of
exploring them is an apparatus con-
sisting of a leaden weight and a bit of
tubing. Deep sea sounding is carried
on to-day by means of a lead weigh-
ing 70 pounds attached to steel
piano wire one-thirtieth of an inch
in diameter. Attached to the lead is
a tube which, when the bottom is
reached gathers a specimen of the
ground on which it rests.

On these specimens of deep-sea
mud, brought to the labours of
such explorers as the Prince of
Monaco and Professor Alexander
Agassiz, the whole of our knowledge

of the nature of the ocean bed is
based. Soundings carried out by
those and other scientists have made
it possible for the varying depths to be
roughly charted. Beyond these
facts we have little to go upon.

But there are some conjectures
which have the force of facts. It is
certain, for instance, that ships sunk
over the great deeps can never reach
the bottom. There must come a
point where the terrific compression
of the water holds them in crushed,
eternal stillness. It is certain also
that there must be a depth below
which no form of life can exist.

Will man ever explore these hidden
places? One cannot tell. The only
certain thing is that he will make
the attempt. For when the earth's
surface holds no more challenges for
him, his eternally questing spirit will
drive him to seek the adventures
which wait in the deep waters.

A THREE YEAR TASK.

In regard to the proposed attempt
to climb Mount Everest, the Royal
Geographical Society to attend to the
scientific aspect, and the Alpine Club
to find the climbers, it is intended to
give three years to the endeavour.

The first year will be devoted to
exploration, discovering the best
means of approach, for no white
man has ever been within fifty miles.
The second climbing season will be
devoted to deciding on the route of
ascent and in providing a station not
higher than 15,000ft. In the third
year it will be from here that the
climbers will make their dash to
reach 29,002ft., the highest peak in
the world.

BREATHING AT HIGH ALTITUDES.

Some of the difficulties in the way
of climbing Mount Everest are fore-
shadowed by Mrs. Bullock-Workman
in her "Ice-Bound Heights of the
Mustagh." On the difficulties of
breathing she writes—
At the highest altitude reached
(22,500ft.) we breathed perfectly well,
but only when sitting or standing. At
camps at heights of 23,000 to 27,000ft.
and above sleep might be interfered
with to such an extent that a party
would be incapacitated from going
any higher.

On the other hand, Captain Long
staff notes in his "Attempt to Climb
the Gurla Mandhata" that at their
highest camp, which he estimated at
23,000ft., though lack of instruments
prevented accurate measurement, he
and his companions slept all right,
and did not suffer from mountain
sickness.

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G. R.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

on

TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY

and

THURSDAY,

the 1st, 2nd and 3rd March, 1921,

at H.M. NAVAL YARD, Hongkong,

and at KOWLOON NAVAL DEPOT,

commencing each day at 9.30 a.m.

with an interval from 12 noon to

1.30 p.m.

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Comprising—

Life Boats, Dingies, Whalers, Shang-

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Stoves, Ships' Fittings, Iron Bed

Mattresses and Fittings, Ice Chests,

Steel Tanks, Life Rafts, Life Belts,

Motors, Carpets, Rugs, Mats, Sheets,

Table Covers, Steel Wire Rope, Blank-

ets, Counterpanes, Electric Cables,

Cables, Hoists, Old Cordage, Canvas

Rags, Old India Rubber, Old Leather,

Old Iron, Brass, Gun Metal and Steel,

Coal Sacks, Firewood, Iron Blocks,

Lamps, Searchlights, Two large Cylind-

rical Boilers (working pressure 70

lb.), Air Compressing Engine, &c., &c.

Lots may be inspected on Monday,

the 28th February, 1921.

Terms of Sale:—As detailed on

Catalogue.

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By Appointment Auctioneers to the

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Hongkong, February 19, 1921.

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on

FRIDAY,

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A large number of

well-known Race Ponies.

(Full Particulars from Catalogue).

Terms:—Cash.

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Auctioneers.

Hongkong, February 22, 1921.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

on

SATURDAY,

March 5, 1921, at 10.30 a.m.,

at their Sales Rooms, No. 8,

Des Vaux Road, Corner of

Ice House Street.

A Consignment of

WOLLEN GOODS.

Comprising—

Shirts, Pyjamas, Half-Hose, Golf

Hose, Sweaters, and Sweater Cuts.

Terms:—Cash.

HUGHES & HOUGH,

Auctioneers.

Hongkong, February 24, 1921.

G. R.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

on

TUESDAY,

March 8, 1921, at 2.30 a.m.,

at THE NAVAL DEPOT, Kowloon.

OLD AND SURPLUS

VICTUALLING STORES, &c., &c.

Comprising—

Blankets, Electro Plate, Copper Pans,

Hardware, Soap, Mess "Gear," Table

Linen, &c., Serge, Remnants, Provisions,

&c., &c.

Terms of Sale:—As detailed on

Catalogue.

On view Monday, 7th March.

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Hongkong, February 21, 1921.

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FOR SALE

FOR SALE—A MODERN BUNGA-
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Beautiful View, Large Drawing Room,
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rooms, Enclosed Verandah, Hall,
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Quarters, Kitchen, Cardon, Tennis
Court, Electric Light throughout, Gas
Installation. For further particulars,
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TION—A FEW THREE ROOM-
ED EUROPEAN FLATS IN "ORIENT
BUILDINGS," CONORATION ROAD,
KOWLOON. MODERATE RENTAL.
Apply J. CARR CLARK, Architect and
Surveyor, 14, Queen's Road, Central.

PUBLIC AUCTIONS

THE Undersigned have received in-
structions to sell by Public Auction
(For account of the concerned)

on

WEDNESDAY,

March 9, 1921, at 10.30 a.m.,

at No. 6 Morrison Hill,

A Quantity of

Valuable Household Furniture,

&c., &c.

(Full Particulars from Catalogue).

On view day of sale.

Terms:—Cash.

HUGHES & HOUGH,

Auctioneers.

Hongkong, February 24, 1921.

(FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED),

on

WEDNESDAY,

March 9, 1921, commencing at 2.30

p.m., at their Sales Rooms, No. 8,

Des Vaux Road, Corner of

Ice House Street.

AN ASSORTMENT OF

Household Linens, &c.,

Comprising—

Pillow Cases, Fine quality Blankets,

White Satin Quilts, Bed Valances,

Damask Table Cloths, Turkish Towels,

Bath Towels, Bath Sheets, Double Bed

Sheets, Drawwork Bedspreads, Table

Covers, Crochet and Drawwork Doilies,

Linen Damask Serviettes,

Also

A few lots of Bellow Valises and

Suit Cases.

Three Pairs Biscuiters, &c.

(Full Particulars from Catalogue).

Terms:—Cash.

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Hongkong, February 24, 1921.

FOR SALE.

At their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des

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Situated at Broadway Road, Hongkong.

Substantially built 5-roomed Bungal-

ow with usual outbuildings and garden.

Recently painted and colourwashed

throughout.

Particulars from the undersigned.

Terms:—Cash.

HUGHES & HOUGH,

Auctioneers.

Hongkong, February 21, 1921.

INTIMATIONS.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI
BANKING CORPORATION.

THREE FINAL DIVIDEND declared

for the year ending 31st Decem-

ber, 1920, at the rate of Three Pounds

Sterling together with a Bonus of Two

Pounds Sterling per Share, is payable

on and after MONDAY, the 22nd day of

February, 1921, at the Office of the

Corporation, where Shareholders are

requested to apply for warrants.

By Order of the Court of Directors,

A. G. STEPHEN,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, February 25, 1921.

THE HONGKONG ROPE MANU- FACTURING COMPANY, LTD.

THE THIRTY-SEVENTH ORDIN-
ARY ANNUAL MEETING OF

SHAREHOLDERS in the above Com-

pany will be held at St. George's

Building, Chater Road, Victoria, on

THURSDAY, the 3rd March, 1921,

at 11 o'clock a.m. for the purpose of

receiving a Statement of Accounts and

the report of the General Managers for

the year ending 31st December 1920,

and electing a Consulting Committee

and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the

Company will be CLOSED from SAT-
URDAY, the 26th February, 1921 to

THURSDAY, the 3rd March 1921,

both days inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, February 18, 1921.

NOTICE.

FROM the 1st of March, our business

will be removed to No. 12, Queen's

Road Central, lately occupied by Pathé

Freres, and next door to the Colonial

Dispensary.

N. LAZARUS,
Optician.

"23, Queen's Road, Central.

Hongkong, February 25, 1921.

HONGKONG HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY ANNUAL FLOWER SHOW

in the

BOTANIC GARDENS

WEDNESDAY, 2nd March,

2 to 6 p.m.

ONE DAY ONLY.

Tea on the Ground.

LADY STUBBS

will distribute Prizes

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Admission . . . \$1.00

Children half price.

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THE PEKING-HANKOW LINE OF
THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT
RAILWAYS invites sealed proposals of
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meters in length across the Yellow River
(Hwang-Ho). Proposals will be received
up to noon of June 30th, 1921, at the
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Administration, China, plans, rules and
specifications can be obtained from the
following offices:

Peking: Peking-Hankow Railway,
American, British, Belgian, French,
Italian, and Japanese Legations.
Foreign: Chinese Legations, Wash-
ington, London, Brussels, Paris, Rome
and Tokyo.

All applications for same must be
accompanied with pounds 5 for foreign
countries and with dollars 30 for
Peking.

PEKING-HANKOW RAILWAY
ADMINISTRATION.

REPUSE BAY HOTEL.

THE APPROACH ROADS to the

above Hotel are CLOSED tempo-

rarily for the purpose of regrading.

Patrons are, therefore, kindly requested

to use the steps opposite the main

entrance until completion of such work.

FOR SALE.

THE Undersigned have received in-

structions to sell at their Sales

Rooms, No. 8, Des Vaux Road, Corner

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2 8-Cyl. Cadillac's 7 Seater Cars in

sound running condition. Coach work

and electrical equipment in excellent

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condition. Coachwork and electrical

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Not reconstructed cars but direct off

the road. Can be seen any time by

appointment and full particulars on

applying to the undersigned.

Terms:—Cash.

HUGHES & HOUGH,

Auctioneers.

Hongkong, February 24, 1921.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

WAR IN PANAMA.

LONDON, February 23th.

Lloyd's agent at Panama reports that

Costa Rica has forcibly occupied the dis-

puted border in territory so far held by

Panama. A description has begun in

Panama, and the war feeling is strong.

Canal transit has not been affected.

DOOM OF GEORGIA.

CONSTANTINOPLE, February 23th.

A wireless message says that the

entire Soviet forces in the Caucasus, in

Russian Azerbaijan and Armenia are

attacking Georgia, whose troops are fight-

ing bravely but have been compelled to

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The China Mail.

"TRUTH, JUSTICE, PUBLIC SERVICE"

HONGKONG, MONDAY, FEB. 28, 1921.

CIRCUMSPICE.

Philip Gibbs having taken over the *Review of Reviews* this year, begins with messages from men like H. G. Wells, General Gough, Admiral Kerr, Augustine Birrell, G. K. Chesterton, Gilbert Murray, Hilaire Belloc, Dean Inge, John Masefield, Robert Bridges, Jerome K. Jerome, Sir Harry Johnston, H. M. Tomlinson, and J. C. Squire. Some of them are mentioned on the cover, like apples on the top of the greengrocer's basket. Others are embraced in an "etc." As is often the case, some of the soundest fruit is in the "etc." Belloc, Chesterton, Inge, and Squire are big and rosy apples, but with a core of rot. Tomlinson and Johnston in comparison are juicy, sound fruit.

All take a look round, at the invitation of Gibbs, and all briefly comment on what they see, behind and before. Listen to H. M. Tomlinson: "Pious resolutions for the New Year won't save us now we have scuttled the Empire in a continued, violent indulgence since 1918, of greed, fear, and revenge. High-minded and generous youth, with a spontaneity in which nobody before the war would have believed, came at the call from all the English-speaking world, and in four years presented us with a secure base for a British Commonwealth amid decent international relations. In less than a year the elderly club men of London, leading the professional politicians and the middle class, the greatest mass of humanity and literacy we have, destroyed the work of youth; turned against Labour and the Irish

self-sacrificing. We might start by giving up our Laureate. Alec Waugh says the soldier, who vowed in the trenches to clean up England when he got back, is now weary and doubtful, playing Hamlet. Chesterton was quoted in full in Saturday's *China Mail*. General Gough says we are doing grievous wrong in Ireland. Lord Robert Cecil speaks hopefully of the L.O.N., and Wells calls it "this little corner of Balfourian jobs and gentility, the mildly anti-Bolshevik picnic of the superfluous statesmen of the Entente." Birrell quotes Goethe: we must go right by the intellectual power of observation and insight, and by the moral power of repelling the evil spirit that hinders us from paying respect to 'Truth'.

Philip Gibbs himself is faintly hopeful in spite of "a general lowering of the tone." The old comradeship of the trenches is a myth. There has been a regrouping of classes hostile to each other. We are suffering "a failure of leadership"—the government is out of touch with the mass of its people. They want above all peace—and "the stark and stubborn stupidity of the 'Brass Hat' brain" is giving them war. They, the people, are being "thwarted by the dead-heads, the men with the old ideas, who still have their hold upon the machinery of government." But he has hope: he believes in the coming of a new leadership of youth.

Amor.

Their big one number of the *Home* publication named. Now let us take a look round with the aid of Saturday's *Daily Press*, and then ask ourselves if it pays to gamble on the world's sanity.

The first noticeable article was one lamenting the revival of German trade in China. How the Germans are to compensate us unless we let them earn money, is not explained. In the leader we are told that America, which is not in the L.O.N., claims to be consulted about L.O.N. mandates, while Japan, which is, claims the right to do unto others as they do to her, meaning the various exclusion acts. The London Government (itself a serious offender against the L.O.N.) goes out of its way to affront Americans for not coming in, while America, with the best wireless service in the Pacific, makes a fuss about Yip as a cable station. While much shipping is tied up idle, there is a rate war on. Politicians are trying to bring the peaceful state of Sarawak into controversy. Dean Inge resurrects the Kaiser's Yellow Peril, and interested liars continue the conspiracy of defamation about Chinese flour. What are humorously called "The Canton Funds" (Canton being very hard up) continue to be frittered away on the happy lawyers. France has a heresy hunt on, the heresy being communism, and Mr. Bonar Law seriously makes a speech that ought to cause laughter in an infant class. There is much oratory about education and general disease.

Circumspice? Not if we would extract a little happiness from life. The policy of the malignant ostrich in such circumstances seems to have merit.

"The world is out of joint. O cursed spite," We fear it will get worse before it gets better.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The Blue Funnel s.s. "Telesia" will be dispatched to Singapore on Tuesday, March 1, at noon. This vessel offers excellent cabin accommodation for saloon passengers.

While at work blasting rocks in Coronation Road, Kowloon, near the Electric Power House, yesterday, a young workman was injured about the face and hands by dynamite suddenly exploding. He was removed to the Kwong Wah Hospital.

A small fire broke out on the roof of No. 122, Queen's Road East yesterday afternoon. The Fire Brigade was immediately summoned, but on arrival found its services not required, the flames having been extinguished by the inmates of the house.

A Japanese named K. Sagora, arrested yesterday on a charge of boarding a train while it was in motion, was allowed out on bail. This morning when his case was called before Magistrate Orme, he failed to appear and his bail was estreated.

When two Chinese were this morning charged before Magistrate Orme with the unlawful possession of one 50-packet tin of dutiable cigarettes each, they pleaded ignorance. A European Revenue Officer said that the duty on the cigarettes was \$150 per tin. The Magistrate enquired what fine it was usual to impose in such cases. Inspector Spear, of the Water Police, said that the fine was fixed by the ordinance as ten times the duty payable on each tin. The Magistrate imposed a fine of \$10 each, and ordered the confiscation of the cigarettes.

SPECIAL CABLES.

RUBBER CRISIS.

[SHANGHAI COMPANIES.]

IMPORTANT TRUST FORMED.

[China Mail Special.]

SHANGHAI, Feb. 28.
A Shanghai Plantations Trust has been formed for the purpose of financing rubber estates. Its success or failure involves the future of the majority of the Shanghai owned companies having Tls. 15,000,000 at stake. The formation of the trust is a courageous attempt to overcome the present crisis.

FAMINE RELIEF FUND.

A NOTABLE DONATION.

SALT GABELLE GIVES HALF A MILLION.

[China Mail Special.]

SHANGHAI, Feb. 28.
The Salt Gabelle at Peking has subscribed half a million for famine relief. This very notable donation is affording an impetus to the campaign in the provinces.

WEATHER VAGARIES.

SHANGHAI TEMPERATURE.

PHENOMENAL RISE.

[China Mail Special.]

SHANGHAI, Feb. 28.
During the week-end there was registered a phenomenal rise in temperature culminating on Saturday in a maximum of 77 compared with 43 the corresponding day last year.

HOMEWARD BOUND.

OLD SHANGHAI RESIDENT.

LEADING PRACTITIONER.

[China Mail Special.]

SHANGHAI, Feb. 28.
Mrs. Jenner Hogg leaves on Monday by the steamer "Kashgar," severing a 54-years' connection in the Far East. Dr. Jackson, a leading practitioner, also leaves the East permanently by the same boat.

WATCH FOR OUR SOUVENIR NUMBER

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

One non-fatal case of cerebro spinal fever, French, was reported on Saturday.

At to-morrow afternoon's meeting of the Sanitary Board, authority will be asked for Rural Inspector C. Evans to enter premises and seize unwholesome food in accordance with section 83 of the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance No. 1 of 1903. The outbreak of rinderpest in cattle shed at Chu Lin will also be considered.

Ng Sam, a shopkeeper carrying on business at No. 221, Queen's Road West, reports that about 6 a.m., on February 26, before he had opened his shop, two men entered the premises by pulling the door out of its sockets and stole six rolls of cloth valued at \$86, which were lying on the counter near the entrance. The men got away before an alarm could be raised.

Charged before Magistrate Orme this morning with the unlawful possession of six tins of prepared non-Government opium, a Chinese who was arrested on the Praya pleaded that a travelling trader gave him the parcel containing the drug to carry. He did not know the contents of the parcel. A fine of \$600 or three months' hard labour was imposed. The drug was confiscated.

The owners of the Philanthropic Stand beg to inform their patrons, who visited the Stand during the four Race Days, that the cash sweeps for the Derby and the Champions have all been drawn and the prizes divided after deducting ten per cent. commission. From cash sweeps on the other races twenty per cent. has been deducted. The whole of the commission (after paying for printing, stationery and staffs-wages) will be divided equally between the North China Famine Fund, the East and North Rivers Relief Fund and the Hongkong War Memorial Fund. The owners were present at the Meeting superintending, and gave their services and provided the five houses without any remuneration.

SPORT.

THE RACES.

SUCCESSFUL OWNERS AND JOCKEYS.

The following lists show the successful Owners and Jockeys—

OWNERS.	1st	2nd	3rd
Sir Paul	9	8	4
Mr. John Peel	7	4	5
Mr. G. H. Potts	4	2	0
Sir Ellis Kadoorie	3	5	1
Mr. John Johnstone	2	3	0
Mr. Nemaze	2	2	5
Mr. Sardaud	12	11	0
Mr. Soares	2	0	4
Mr. Wobbe	2	0	0
Mr. Gilpin	1	4	1
Mr. F. B. Deacon	1	1	1
Dr. Forsyth	1	1	0
Mr. H. Humphreys	1	1	0
Messrs. Joe & Cassie	1	1	0
Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak	1	0	0
Mr. Toppie	1	0	0
Mr. Tinnis	1	0	0
Mr. Allsire	1	0	0
Mr. Saint	0	2	2
Mr. R. Macgregor	0	1	2
Messrs. Hosie and Lay	0	1	1
Mr. Carpenter	0	1	1
Mr. Staves	0	1	1
Mr. H. P. White	0	1	1
Mr. Des Voeux	0	1	1
Mr. Moxon	0	1	0
Mr. Sergeant	0	1	0
Mr. Basto	0	1	0
Mr. Grimstone	0	1	0
Mr. Towers	0	0	2
Mr. Stephen	0	0	2
Mr. H. Birkett	0	0	2
Messrs. G. C. Moxon and C. G. Mackie	0	0	2
Mr. Seth	0	0	1
Mr. Deacon	0	0	1
Mr. Ritchfield	0	0	1
Mr. Sutton	0	0	1
Mr. L. N. Lee	0	0	1

JOCKEYS.

	1st	2nd	3rd
Mr. Johnstone	10	4	5
Mr. Knoll	8	12	2
Mr. Vida	8	7	5
Mr. Hill	4	5	2
Mr. Soares	14	12	4
Mr. Heard	3	4	8
Mr. White	2	2	4
Mr. Nemaze	2	2	2
Mr. Wullenmier	2	0	2
Mr. Tinnis	1	1	1
Mr. Bell-Irving	1	0	2
Mr. Doyle	0	3	4
Mr. Seth	0	1	2
Mr. Gibson	0	1	1
Mr. Sergeant	0	1	0
Mr. Jardine	0	0	1
Mr. Rotts	0	0	1
Mr. Sutton	0	0	1

† Pawns one first and one second disqualified.
* Dead-heat for third place.

LEAGUE FOOTBALL.

2ND DIVISION MATCHES.

Although there were seven matches in connection with the Hongkong Football League—two first division and five second division—down for decision on Saturday, the races were patronised by most of the clubs concerned, with the result that only three second division matches were played. These games resulted as follows:

R.G.A. Res. 8; Staffs 1.
Oilers United 1; United 0.
Punjabis 3; South China Res. 1.
As anticipated, the Artillerymen were too strong for the Staffs, and attacking most of the time, scored with regularity. The Staffs were dangerous on several occasions but they failed badly when in front of goal, and many good chances went begging. The Gunners scored eight times with one reply.

The two "United" teams played a very good game, together, and a very strenuous struggle in which both ends of the field were visited in quick succession, with the defences playing excellently, resulted in the Oilers who were the better balanced team in forward line, just snatching a victory by the only goal scored.

The surprise of the day was the Punjabis v. South China Res. game. The Chinese were expected to score an easy win, but over confidence caused them to underestimate their opponents' abilities. They fielded an indifferent team and paid the penalty to the tune of 3 goals to 1. The Punjabis who are improving in form with every match, played very good football and deserved their win.

The Kowloon Res. were disappointed by the "Carlisle" who failed to turn out. The Kowloonites and the referee waited until 3.30 p.m., and then left the field. Under the rules of the Association the Kowloonites are entitled to a walk-over.

The "Titania" v. Kowloon, Police v. South China and St. Joseph's v. Club Res. matches, the first two in the first division of the league, were postponed by mutual agreement.

BOXING.

WELLS AND WILDE.

Writing to the London *Albion* on January 10, "The Game Chicken" says: "It would be interesting to know what Messrs. Rubie Wells and Teon Pollock are spending in the production of next Thursday's mammoth entertainment at the Royal Albert Hall. I should say records of the

K5. DISASTER.

FUND FOR DEPENDANTS.

NAVY'S FINE EFFORT.

The Rev. Gordon W. B. Stait, Chaplain R.N., of H.M.S. "Titania," Hon. Treasurer of the Fund for the relief of the dependants of those who lost their lives in the disaster to submarine K5, sends us the following:

The total amount raised for K5 is \$3,284.60 made up as follows—
The Phoenix Entertainment, \$1,623.75
4th Submarine Flotilla Dance
Including a donation of \$63 from H.M.S. "Marston" 801.10
Collected from Ships Company H.M.S. "Hawkins" 90.20
Collected at Cinema in H.M.S. "Tamar" 339.00
Collection at Football, "Hawkins" v. "Holly-bock" 206.35
Collection at Football, Navy v. Army 224.20
\$3,284.60

past have been left a long way down the course, but they assure me it has been justified by the demand for seats. I am anticipating witnessing two wonderfully good contests between Jimmy Wilde and Pete Herman, and Billy Wells and Battling Levinsky, and I am not worrying a little bit about the debated question of championship title; the reputations of the men concerned are enough for me to bank on.

HERMAN AND WILDE.

For some years we have read and quoted the glowing opinions recorded by American writers of the great skill of Herman, who won the championship from Kid Williams, and I suppose if I began to tell you what we think of Jimmy Wilde I should be the recipient of rude messages. When the brilliant little Welshman had his trip to the States the name of the New Orleans fighter was carefully excluded from Jimmy's schedule, much to the disappointment of American enthusiasts, but you can trust Mr. Teddy Lewis not to take any risks in view of the wind-up to the career of Wilde which had been mapped out for this country.

The training quarters of Herman being quite handy for me, I have seen him at work quite a lot, and I must confess to being a little disappointed with him, though I am quite prepared to see him pull out a surprise. But he has been on the slow side, and the way partners have reached him with the left suggested to me that Wilde may be in his element.

Assuming this possible it resolves itself into a question of how many of these punches the American can take, while the Welshman will have to be particularly careful of countering—a strong suit in Pete's make-up. On these two points I am convinced the issue will rest.

THE STAMINA OF HERMAN.

Notwithstanding that Herman has been more familiar with the short-distance no decision bouts, I quite believe he is lacking nothing in stamina, for, as his trainer and fellow "Wop" (Italian), Tony Polozolo, mentioned to me, he could "fight for a week and then be anxious to start all over again."

There lies the danger to James Wilde, for as I can read the contest in advance I see Wilde doing well for the start without treading his opponent to his own weight, which has been his custom. And then may come some gruelling closing rounds, in which even I anticipate it will be goolgee to the hope and anticipations of the greatest Britisher we have ever seen in the ring.

A CURIOUS SITUATION.

There is really a curious situation regarding the contest between Wells and Levinsky. Wells looks fit, well enough to box and win, like the brilliant champion he ought to have been, and the Philadelphia in his training has given the impression that he carries a terrible knock-out punch, which his very long record tells he has not possessed.

Now the bugbear to Wells has been the big punch, and it should be comforting for him to know that his opponent, whatever he may suggest, has not featured this in the ring. Although Levinsky's boxing ability is of a high standard, it cannot compare with the former Bombardier's skill.

It ought to be possible for that beautifully long, piston-like left hand of Wells to be kept doing useful work all through the contest. There should not be any worry for him at all, even ignoring the fact that he can follow through with a right spelling knockout.

Levinsky, I think is rather too tough and clever in his defence to allow this to happen, and if Wells makes the mistake of fighting at closer quarters, it will be fatal, for the Batter swings punches with both hands to the mid-section in a manner calculated to curl up our former champion without much difficulty.

The contest is not likely to run on the orthodox lines anticipated and according to the respective abilities of the men. Those who believe the Bombardier will be knocked out may get a surprise, for he can stand his fair share of punishment. Personally I am expecting him to be at his best, in which event he should beat Levinsky.

THE SHIPBUILDING DEPRESSION.

GLOOMY OUTLOOK.

SIR GEORGE HUNTER'S VIEW.

"Shipbuilding is worse than I have ever known it, taking everything into account; not certainly as regards the moment, but the early future," declared Sir George B. Hunter, D.Sc., head of the well-known firm of Swan, Hunter, and Wigham Richardson, Ltd., to a special correspondent of the *Morning Post*. We are almost fully occupied at present, but new orders are not coming in, chiefly because of the high cost of production combined with low freights and the high cost of running the steamers—a three-fold cause. So long as freights were high shipowners were able to stand the high cost of building and maintaining the service; now they cannot.

"Does that mean reduction of wages?"

"Undoubtedly. But I should hope it will be accompanied by a reduction in the cost of living, which will make it less difficult to arrange for the reduction of wages. Without that reduction, or its equivalent, a greater output, it will be impossible to obtain orders to keep our yards going. I bring no railing accusation against the working-classes as such. I have not the slightest sympathy with those who lean back in easy-chairs and talk about the 'slacking' of the working men. But I work six days a week, and I don't see why everybody should not work six days a week. I have no objection whatever to cutting down excessive hours of labour, there is no reason why it should not be aimed at—in reason—but that movement since the war has been too precipitate.

"As to unrest in our establishments, there is no unrest among our men. I have never known a time when our relations as employers and workmen were more cordial and the working of things smoother."

"Yet they are working at half speed, and time-rates have quadrupled."

Sir George admitted this. "Employers from John O'Grada to Land's End say half-speed is the rule. A Canadian who has worked at our Walsend Yard and returned home, when asked by the Agent-General in London, to whom he reported, why he was going home, replied: 'I am sick of it, the men won't work themselves or let anyone else.'"

"The solution of the present situation is what—unemployment?"

"That is the only way—a very pitiable way," gravely replied Sir George who went on to point out that when costs of production fell there would be a revival of shipbuilding. There is at present a surplus of cargo-steamer tonnage but no surplus of passenger steamers, and these are needed. But the cancellation of contracts goes on apace. "Here," he said, "are letters on two successive days from French firms, of repute practically to that effect, and involving five or six vessels."

JAPAN'S PRINCE.

ROYAL WEDDING.

STORIES OF DISSENSION.

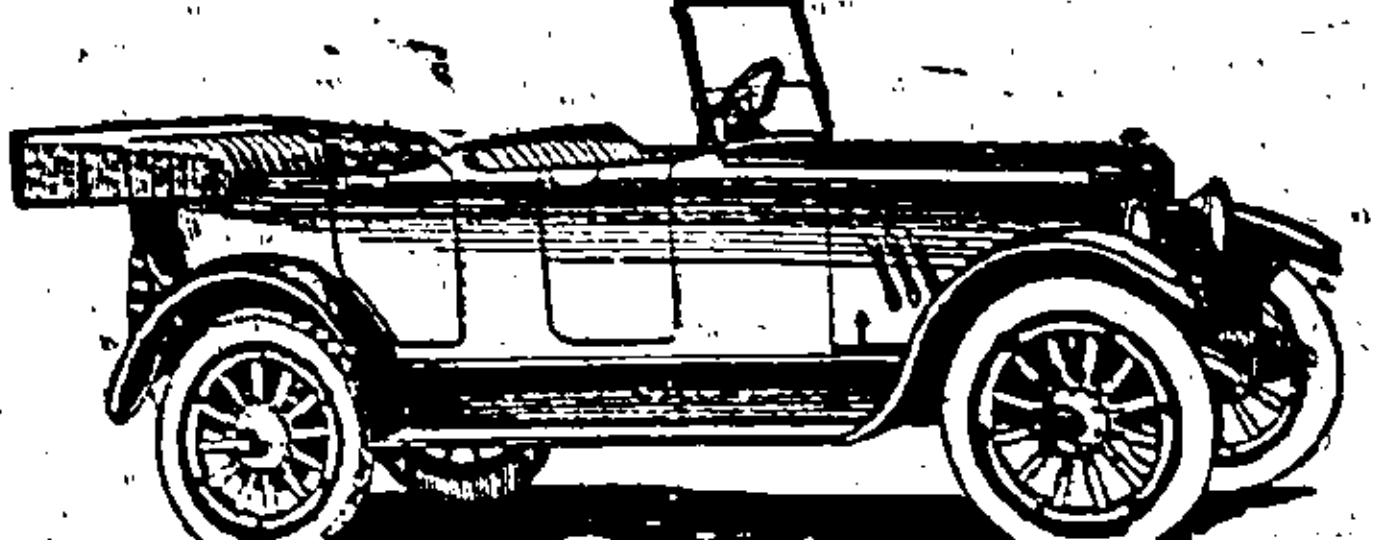
Tokyo, February 19.—In connection with "the serious affair" which has recently created a sensation in the Japanese press, Kokusai learns on the best authority that the question is entirely unconnected with the Crown Prince's trip to Europe. A movement has been, and still is, afoot in certain quarters for postponement of His Imperial Highness's departure, but this, it is stated, is solely prompted by fears for the Prince's personal safety while abroad, owing to the present disturbed conditions all over the world. This, however, will make no difference in the plans for the Crown Prince's departure and itinerary, as already announced.

Kokusai is further assured, on the same high authority, that the reports of factional intrigue in court circles have been much exaggerated, and are to be entirely discarded. It is a fact that the question of the Crown Prince's marriage (raised by the opposition of certain noble families of Kioto) has been thoroughly discussed, but the matter, Kokusai is informed, has been satisfactorily cleared up.

When the mere fact that the marriage was under discussion became known, it created a sensation. Various rumours began to be circulated and certain politicians seized on these to propagate magnified reports of disagreement in Court circles. This necessitated the publication of the formal announcement that the marriage would proceed as arranged. Baron Makamura, Minister of the Imperial Household, assumed responsibility for the misunderstanding and resigned. As already announced, Viscount Makino has been appointed his successor.

No reliable information is available as to whether Prince Yamagata has resigned, or not.—Reuter.

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MURDER TRIAL.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE CRIME.

CASE AGAINST COOLIE.

At the Criminal Session this morning, before the Acting Chief Justice, Mr. Justice Gompertz, Tong Tim, a coolie formerly employed at Government House, was charged with the murder of Chan Chuk, a wash amah. The crime was committed in the servants' quarters at Government House on January 2.

The prisoner pleaded not guilty. The Hon. Mr. J. H. Kemp, Attorney-General, prosecuted; the Hon. Mr. C. G. Alabaster, instructed by Mr. Mason, appeared for the defence. The following jury was empanelled: Messrs. A. J. J. Martin, W. L. Marshall, B. W. Tape, O. A. de Carvalho, Chou U Ting, J. J. Maxwell, and J. N. R. Allan.

The Attorney-General, outlining the case, said that about 6.15 on Monday morning, January 3, a man employed by the Gas Company found a certain lamp near the East Gate of Government House, on Upper Albert Road, was extinguished. He went farther and came to a narrow path, which runs past the Bank House, and there found the dead body of a woman. Half an hour later a Sanitary Board foreman also saw the body, and notified the police.

The police discovered that the woman was a wash amah employed at No. 56, The Peak, and was about 44 years old. She had been a widow for ten years, and had three sons. Two of the sons were about to go to Singapore, and had received money from an uncle to help pay their passage. This money they had given their mother. After the murder, the money had disappeared.

It was found that the woman had been at Government House several times on January 2. The sons went to find her, but did not see her again until they identified her at the mortuary.

As to the motive, the Attorney-General said that it was important always in a murder case to establish the reason. A motive which appears insufficient is very often a sufficient motive in a murderer's somewhat abnormal mind. But it was not incumbent on the Crown to prove a motive. If it was proved that the prisoner had committed the murder, without the establishment of a motive, it was the jury's duty to find him guilty. It was possible that the prisoner had taken the money that had disappeared. He did not put that forward as the motive. The fact the money had disappeared did not show necessarily that it was the motive.

When Inspector Appleton went to the spot where the body was found, he discovered a trail, as if a heavy body had been dragged. It crossed the road, and went up the bank. The trail was clear. He traced it through the fence and up to a verandah, and there it stopped before a closed door. Opening this trail led on into a supper room of Government House. He tracked it still farther, to a bathroom opening into the supper room. Here there were what appeared to be spots of blood and bits of hair. It was quite clear that the murder had been committed in the bathroom and the body had then been dragged to where it was found. He proposed to take the jury to view the spot.

The man who committed the murder must have been someone who knew Government House and had access to keys to the servants' quarters. The Attorney-General thought also the murderer must have been someone who lived in Government House; no one else would have taken such an extraordinary risk. The prisoner lived in the servants' quarters. The murderer must have been acquainted with the woman; they must have been fairly well acquainted, otherwise she would not have been likely to accompany him to the bathroom, which was in a lonely part of the building.

The Attorney-General showed the jury plans of Government House and part of the grounds, pointing out the scene of the crime and the path of the trail. It had been established that the crime was committed about 10.30 p.m. Captain Warner, the Governor's Secretary, would be called, and he would testify that about half past ten he heard a cry.

The evidence would be that the deceased paid frequent visits to Government House to see the prisoner. It was true that the prisoner was head of a money-lending association of which the deceased was a member, but he thought her visits were more frequent than were necessary for business purposes. The payments in the association were monthly.

CONSTABLE ROBBED.

REVOLVER SNATCHED.

HIT ON THE HEAD WITH A CLOCK.

While on duty in Chatham Road, Kowloon, about 7 a.m., yesterday, a Chinese detective had occasion to inspect a lane running along the back of the houses, and there saw a Chinese standing near the entrance of the Kowloon Canton-Railway shed with a clock in his arms. As the man was unable to give a satisfactory account of how he came by the clock, or what he was doing there, the detective caught him by the collar with the intention of removing him to the station. The man struggled violently. In the course of the struggle another man made his appearance. Picking up the clock which had fallen to the ground in the scuffle, he struck the detective several blows on the head with it. The detective was too stunned to prevent his prisoner from tearing his holster and revolver from his belt and making off with the other man.

KOWLOON EXPLOSION.

TWENTY-NINE KILLED.

OFFICIAL POLICE REPORT.

The official police report gives the total number of casualties in the Hoi Sang Cracker Factory explosion at Homantin as 58. Thirteen corpses, badly mutilated, were picked up immediately after the explosion and at once buried. Thirteen others were dug out from among the debris and removed to the Kowloon mortuary where only four were identified. Thirty-two injured people were removed to the Kwong Wah Hospital. Of these six were able to go home after receiving medical treatment, and three died after admission to hospital. The other twenty-three are still being detained, several in critical condition.

SUICIDE OR MURDER?

The remains of a male Chinese, aged about 35 years, were picked up by the police on the foreshore at Ngantankok on Saturday. The body, which must have been in the sea for several days, was badly decomposed. The man's hands were tied behind his back and attached to his girdle. An examination is being made in order to ascertain whether or not death took place before the body was thrown into the sea. There are no external marks of violence.

On the day in question she called for him about 11 a.m., again at 6 p.m., and was seen in his company about 7.30. There was evidently some special reason for her frequent visits.

The prisoner was a coolie employed on the upper floor of Government House. He had no duties at all in the East End of the building, except on occasions of a ball or dinner. Curiously enough, on the night in question, he was not in his accustomed place. Another curious thing was that the morning after the murder, he was seen in the East End of the building, where he had no duty. At the time, he had cloths in his hand. One witness saw him get a broom. Another saw him gazing towards the place in the fence through which the body had been dragged. It would seem that he had been occupied in trying to remove traces of the crime. He had scratches on his hand, and bloodstains on his coat. When taken to the mortuary to view the body, he refused to go near the body and said he could not identify it.

Outlining the methods of money-lending associations, such as that of which the prisoner was the head, the Attorney-General said the prisoner had some difficulty making payments. He was hard up, and this may have had something to do with the case. At the conclusion of the Attorney-General's address, the jury was taken in motor cars to Government House to view the scene of the crime. On its return to the Court, the trial was resumed.

UNDER-SEA SHOCKS.

THE SEISMOLOGICAL FORCES.

AN UNSOLVED MYSTERY.

The meteorological correspondent of the *Morning Post* writes in a recent issue of that journal:—More than a week has elapsed since the violent agitation of the seismological instruments at Mr. Shaw's Observatory at West Bromwich, and the abundant confirmation afforded by the very similar behaviour of a number of other instruments in various parts of Europe, North America, and Japan, on the same day indicated that an earthquake of great magnitude—"catastrophic," according to the statement of an Italian authority, and "the greatest earthquake shock ever recorded," according to the Tokyo report—had occurred in some part of the world.

There being considerable diversity in the results calculated by the different observers, it is not possible at present to fix upon the immediate locality of the seat of the earthquake. Thus far the only destructive trembling of the earth's surface reported has been that at Lavello, in the Argentine Province of Mendoza, on the eastern foothills of the Andes. But beyond the bare statement that there had been much structural damage and a loss of 400 lives, practically nothing is known of the occurrence, not even the date. From this very meagre information it can only be inferred that, for a South American earthquake, this one must be classed amongst the minor ones of that continent, the Andean seismic region being celebrated for its earth shakes and disasters on a grand scale.

As we cannot ignore the almost simultaneous indications of the occurrence of a more than usually severe earthquake, although we are unable to determine its position, and as so many days have passed without the telegraph bringing us news of any catastrophe commensurate with the instrumental indications, we are left for the moment to assume that the seat of the trouble was situated in some Arctic or Antarctic region whose inhospitable shores are rarely visited by man, or far out under one of the great oceans. The seismic forces are quite as active, and exhibit their energy just as frequently, out at sea as they do on shore, but for obvious reasons comparatively few of the occurrences are experienced by man.

NOT DANGEROUS.

Happily, these under-sea tremblings are not as a rule associated with the devastation of great cities and the wholesale destruction of human life, unless they happen close inshore. In such cases they frequently result in extensive destruction on the neighbouring shore, because they are associated with the formation of great tidal waves, which sweep away towns and villages, and occasion serious loss of human and animal life. These disastrous visitations are more frequent on the west coast of South America and in Japan, where the land and sea shocks are more closely associated than anywhere else.

Our only means of knowing of the occurrence of submarine earthquakes which take place far away from the land has been, as it were, accidental passage of a ship across the scene at the time, and as it would seem that the shock is limited to a comparatively small area it is seldom, if ever, that a seaquake has been experienced by more than one vessel. And even when they have been experienced, numbers of them have never been reported, because they did no damage, and by the time the sailing ships of former times reached their home ports, many weeks, months, or even years afterwards, the occurrence had been forgotten.

Deep water shocks, those that take place in the open ocean, far away from dry land, though they may be of the severest nature at the bed of the ocean, and probably cause vast changes to the bed itself, are so much modified during their upward transmission through many thousands of feet of water, that on arrival in the surface layer, they are not nearly so nerve-racking and terrifying as those experienced on shore. The landsman, confident in the solidity and firmness of the ground under his feet, loses his head and his legs when he suddenly finds that he is on a wobbling jelly; but the sailor, always rolling and tossing on the ocean, probably is never conscious of the vibrations produced by the minor submarine earthquakes, and rarely is he seriously alarmed by the severest of them. The moment it is realised that the ship is affected by an earthquake there is an end to any suspicion of dangerous consequences.

SEAQUAKE CHARACTERISTICS.
An unusually severe shock, lasting three minutes, experienced near the Cape Verde Islands, in November, 1893, caused the ship to tumble most violently. Every man rushed in deck to see what was happening. The ship seemed to be grinding over a reef of rocks. Further south, near St. Paul Rock, on the Equator, in June, 1888, the vibrations of a shock lasted two minutes. The steering wheel shook so that the helmsman could scarcely hold it. The hands on deck noticed there was something unusual, and the sleeping captain awoke. The serious Spanish earthquake of Christmas, 1894, was preceded, three days before, by a submarine earthquake

HONGKONG HOTEL.

Subject to Audit, the Balance at Credit of Profit and Loss Account for the year 1920, after allowing for Depreciation, Bad and Doubtful Debts, Debenture Interest, etc., and including the sum of \$4,355.95 brought forward from 1919, amounted to \$32,673.50, as compared with \$23,455.79 for the year 1919. After deducting the interim dividend paid in September, 1920, amounting to \$100,000, the sum of \$22,673.50 remains, which the Directors will recommend, at the annual meeting, to be apportioned as follows:

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To transfer to General Reserve	50,872.94
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A well dressed Chinese who gave his address as No. 28, Hollywood Road, top floor, was this morning fined by Magistrate Lindesay, at the instance of Sub-Inspector Pain, for indecent behaviour on Glenely Road. It was a nasty case. The fine was \$50, or four weeks' hard.

The C.R.O.S., R.M.S., "Montague," left Vancouver for Hongkong via Japan and Shanghai on Feb. 10 and is due at Yokohama on or about March 1.

The C.R.O.S., s.s. "Matavi," left Saigon for Hongkong on Feb. 28 and is due here on or about March 3 (a.m.).

The C.R.O.S., s.s. "Methuen," left Saigon for Hongkong, on Feb. 28 and is due here on or about March 3.

The P. & O. chartered s.s. "Chakrata," left Singapore for this port on Feb. 28 at 4 p.m. and is due here on March 5 at about 9 a.m.

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midway between Lisbon and Madeira. A large ship felt it.

There have been many instances in the Pacific. On the Asiatic side, near the Equator, in June, 1877, a ship was shaken twice in five minutes, the first shock lasting four seconds, and at first supposed to be distant thunder, but it seemed to proceed from the ship itself. The second shock lasted seven seconds, and dispelled the idea of thunder. The ship trembled as when a cable is running out, and the rumbling noise was louder, as if a heavy cask was being rolled quickly along the deck. The sea surface remained flat calm.

In July, 1899, there was a curious case of a violent but noiseless shock, the apparent motion of which was perpendicular, as if an invisible power had taken hold of the ship by the waist and shaken her up and down; yet there was no perceptible disturbance of the surface of the sea. The coast, at Pisagua, was 30 miles distant.

It may be that the shock registered at West Bromwich was a severe submarine one. If so, it is only by chance that we shall receive any confirmatory evidence from some ship. [In this connection it may be recalled that on the day of the seismic activity passengers on a P. & O. steamer experienced a distinct shock when steaming between Shanghai and Hongkong—Ed.]

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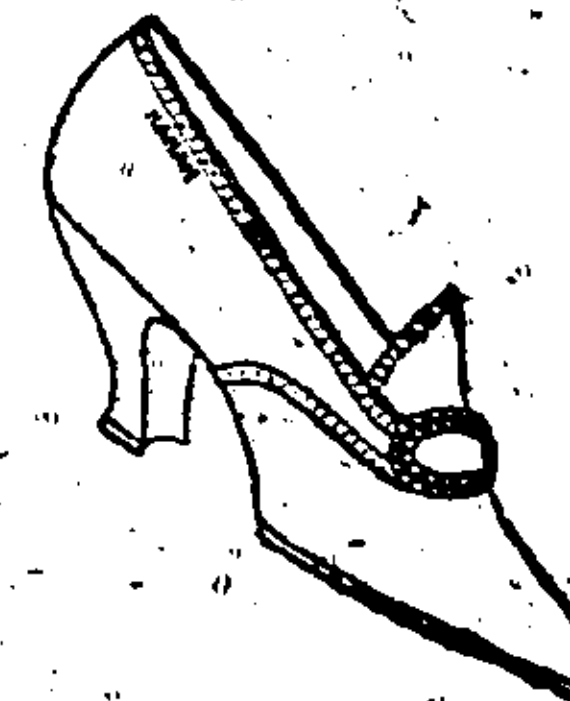
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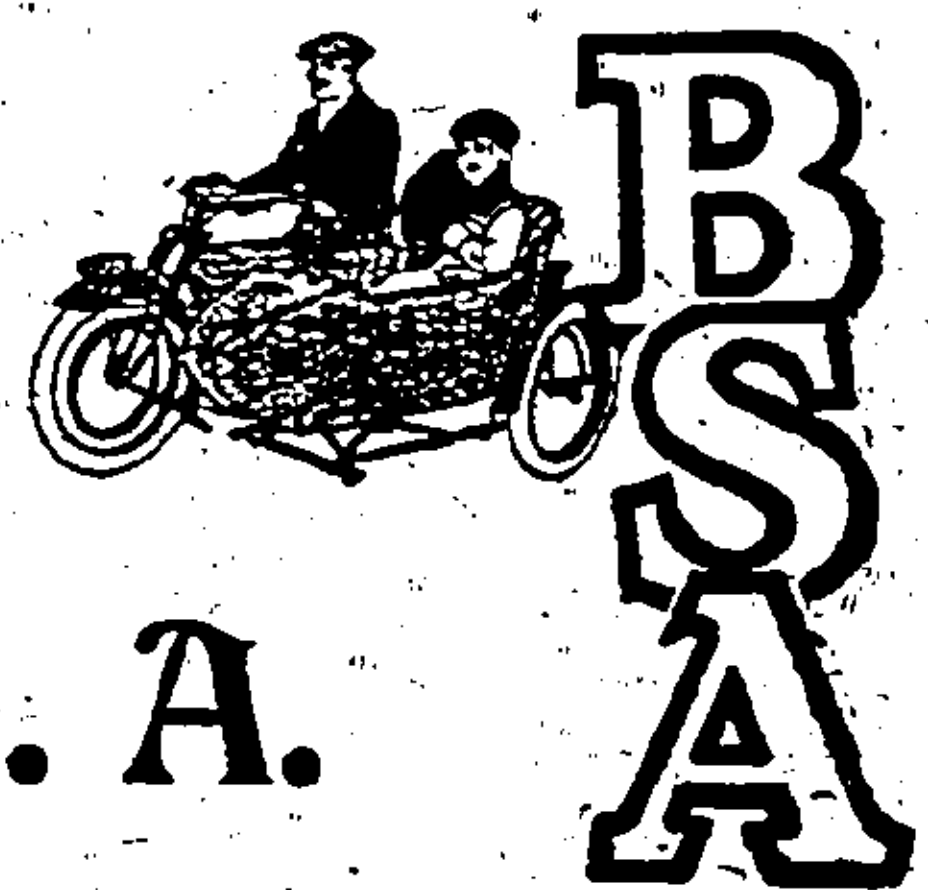
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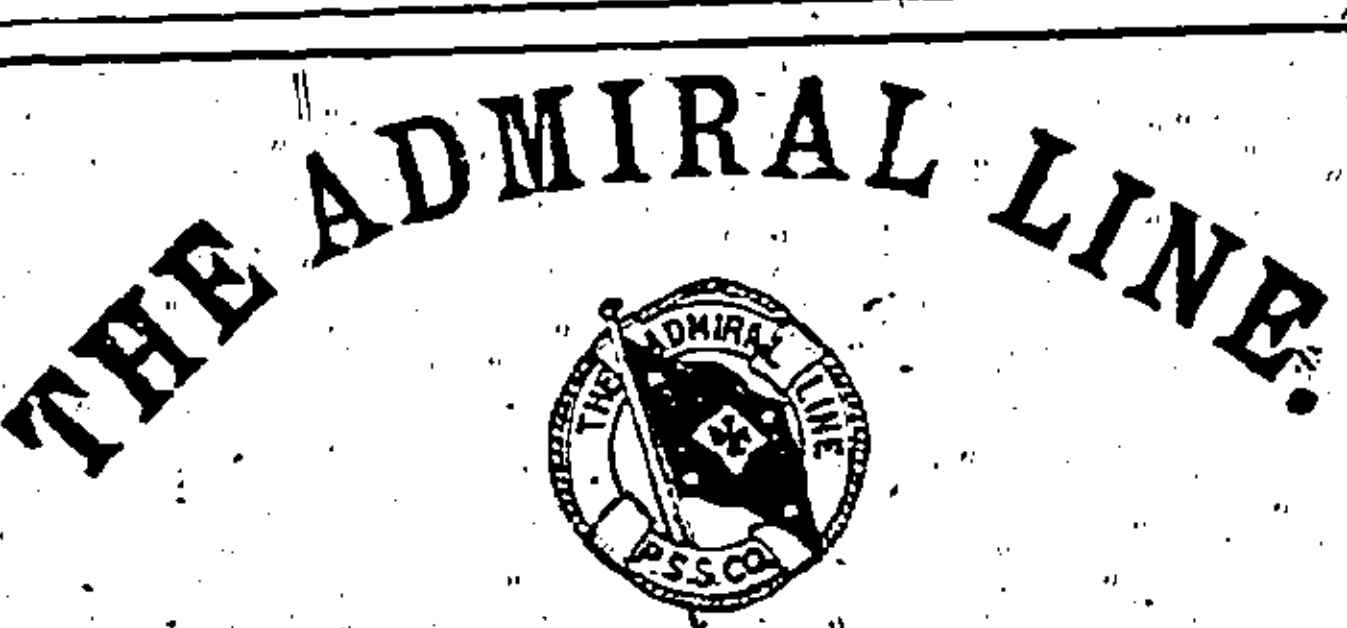
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WITCH HAZELS.

SHOWING EASTERN TREASURES.

A WINTER SPECTACLE IN NEW GARDENS.

In various places in New Gardens, particularly near the great Temperate House, the attention of visitors is arrested by bushes covered with bright yellow flowers. At a distance, states a correspondent in the *Morning Post*, these bushes suggest Forsythias, well-known garden shrubs which flower early in the spring, but no one ever saw a Forsythia in full bloom in January. Closer inspection reveals characters which to nine people out of ten are unfamiliar. The bushes are hazel-like in form and in the disposition of their branches, and the flowers are in button-like clusters of three or four, with dark crimson short sepals, and from every flower there project four narrow, curled yellow petals like strips of ribbon. The flower clusters are placed close together on every one of the numerous twiggy shoots, so that the bush looks very lively. These plants have been in the condition described since the end of December, and they are likely to continue in all their gay attire till February. They are quite hardy, and although their present height is from five to eight feet they are likely to grow much higher, as in Japan they are said to attain a height of about thirty feet.

There are four species of witch hazel, two American, one Japanese, and one Chinese, and as ornamental shrubs the two from the East are much the showiest. They were first introduced into this country and about forty years ago, and like many other exotic plants, they are slow to find general favour with gardeners, notwithstanding their readiness to become at home here, and their extraordinary habit of flowering in midwinter. When in leaf they might easily be mistaken for the common hazel, which, by the way, also flower in winter, when their male catkins, called lamb's tails by country children, are commonly seen in the hedges.

Botanically there is a wide difference between hazels (*Corylus*) and witch hazels (*Hamamelis*), and they owe a similarity of name to their resemblance when in leaf, a circumstance which led the early settlers in America to use the shoots found wild there as divining rods, as shoots of the common hazel were formerly used in this country, and are said to be used even now. When witches were believed in, a rod of hazel was used to discover them, as it was used later as a waterfinder. The rod was held in the hand by a "medium," the seventh son of a seventh son being considered the most certain, and as he walked slowly over the ground the tip of the rod was supposed to turn of itself towards the water, thus indicating where hidden water might be found. It is said that in Norwich there are water diviners who ply their calling in these days, and what is still more remarkable, they are reported to be successful. The witch elm, and the Rowan or mountain ash were formerly regarded as preservatives against evil spirits. Evelyn relates that in his day the Rowan was reputed to serve such a purpose, and for this reason it was planted near to houses and used for walking sticks.

There is no charm against witchcraft in the witch hazels; nevertheless they are good shrubs to plant freely in gardens, for when in flower in midwinter they strike a cheerful note, and that is worth something when vegetation generally has a dismal look. The names of the two best witch hazels are *Hamamelis japonica* and *H. mollis*. Dealers in choice shrubs are able to supply young transplants of them.

BERLIN SALES JOY.

FIRST FOR 7 YEARS.

WOMEN HUG THEIR LINEN BARGAINS.

Berlin is now opening her winter sale season. The huge department stores of the endless Friedrichstrasse, of the fashionable Kurfürstendamm, of the more humble Alexander-Platz, display advertisements covering the whole of their frontage from ground floor to roof; the newspapers devote their space to the "Inventur" (stock-taking) sales; and everybody in Berlin talks about nothing else but the bargains to be secured at one or other of the great shops.

The reason for all this excitement is that this is the first time such sales have been allowed in Berlin for the past seven years. For the German "Hausfrau," who is a born bargain-hunter, this prohibition of sales was one of the things she missed most in the war.

But that is all over and done with now, and Berlin in sale time is a riot of gigantic signs, of flaming colour, of enormous posters. The words "Kolossal" billings (colossally cheap) appear everywhere, and the rush for the shops has been so great that the bargain-hunters are formed into long snake-like queues under the supervision of the police.

END OF PAPER BLOUSES.

Price reductions are certainly very substantial. Many articles are marked down to a quarter of last week's values. Getting rid of war rubbish, says the Berlin husband, looking critically at his wife's purchases. Notwithstanding the Herten-Modes (men's outfitted) departments in the shops are flooded with fur-collared, frock-coated men eager for the marked at 12 marks (12s. nominal), a shirt at 20 marks, or a pair of boots at 120 marks.

To the British eye, the most amazing reductions appear in the women's departments. I have seen there quite good-looking blouses for 7 marks, stockings for 15 marks, and overcoats which, from their appearance, might be of wool, at 250 marks. Look closer and you will find that the blouse is made of a material bearing a strong resemblance to tissue paper, in fact, you soon discover that the clearance sales signify the end of the "Ersatz" (substitute) system. Indeed, special posters proclaim that "after this stock is disposed of no more of this quality will be manufactured."

In all other departments, too—furniture, kitchen utensils, toys, and so on—prices which to British purchasers, with the benefit of an exchange of more than 240 marks to the £, appear astonishingly low are the rule. Fountain pens and gramophones are perhaps the cheapest.

REAL LINEN SECRETS AT LAST.

For the Germans the greatest attractions of the big stores just now are the linen and cotton departments. Since the early days of the war down to the present time, Germany has eaten off tables covered with tissue paper, used paper napkins, and slept between sheets so patched up, so darned and mended, that they look like a crazy quilt. Now linen has reappeared and Berlin has a real glut of it.

In the house-hold linen department of one of the large shops, the Hausfrauen secured their pair of sheets for 250 marks (£12 10s. nominal). In their excitement none of the women in the long queue of women would wait for their purchases to be wrapped up, but stuffed them in capacious handbags, or hurried them to them just as they were. One red-checked, fair-haired housewife turned to a complete stranger and exclaimed with enthusiasm, "Thank the Lord, the war is over at last!"

CHITA PEASANTS.

PARTY PROGRAMME.

FINE FLOWER OF COMMUNISM.

Chita, Feb. 19.—The Assembly are busy debating the Peasants' Party programme, the main features of which are—

- (1) No foreign interference in the domestic affairs of the Russian Far East; evacuation of foreign armies, and recognition by foreign Powers of the Far Eastern Republic.
- (2) Close relationship between the Far Eastern Republic and Soviet Russia.
- (3) Equality before the law and freedom of speech, meeting and combination (trade unions).
- (4) Amnesty of political prisoners.
- (5) Compulsory military service between the ages of 20 and 22.
- (6) Abolition of capital and corporal punishment.
- (7) Compulsory labour from 18 years upwards.
- (8) Guarantee of private property except land and mines.
- (9) Proportional taxation, on the sliding scale system.
- (10) Government control, and, in case of necessity, nationalization of factories, banks, and public works.
- (11) Parliament to be the only governing body, all others being superfluous. Parliament to remain in continuous session.

JAPANESE MISSION OF INQUIRY.

The head of the Japanese mission, in the course of an interview, stated: "We have been sent to Chita by the Japanese Command for purposes of information, particularly in regard to the Assembly. The Japanese Command treats the Buffer-State as a fact, and hopes through the Assembly to hear the united voice of the Russians in the Far East."

"The Japanese Command does not consider that Simonov's and Kappell's forces are serious factors, as they have suffered many defeats and are unable to reorganize. Japanese commercial men are greatly interested in the renewal of trade. The only way to overcome the difficulty due to the lack of a stable currency is to exchange raw materials for Japanese goods."—Reuter.

WOMAN'S DRESS

CAN MAN JUDGE?

Is there man a competent judge of a woman's dress? The Executive Committee of the Garden Party Ball, held at Covent Garden Opera House, in aid of the Actors' Orphanage Fund, came perilously near disruption over the problem, says the *Daily Telegraph*.

Certainly not, said Miss Evelyn Laye, in urging a veto on the suggestion that three men should be held to be competent judges of the best fancy dress worn by a woman at the ball. "Nine hundred and ninety-nine men of every 1,000 know neither the first nor the last thing concerning a woman's dress. They think only of the woman who is wearing it."

"No, no," interjected Mr. Arthur Boucher. "Their chief thought, my dear Miss Laye is invariably of the poor devil who happens to be paying for it."

"Always excepting that select few who enjoy the privilege of basking in its radiance, free of all duty," murmured the chairman, Mr. Gerald du Maurier.

Finally, however, everything was satisfactorily arranged by the acceptance of a timely proposal that if three men were to be appointed to judge the ladies' apparel, the adjudication on the male costumes must be left to three women.

GENTLEMAN BANDIT.

PARIS INCIDENT.

POSED AS POLITICIAN HE HAD

ROBBERED.

As M. Fayssat, a barrister, was walking down the Rue Panquet, off the Champs-Élysées, early one morning he was stopped by a man in evening dress and top hat, who held a revolver to his head and said: "Now don't make a noise; just hand me your pocket-book."

M. Fayssat surprised the stranger by knocking aside the revolver and shouting for the police. At this the man walked away rapidly, and when overtaken by a couple of cyclist policemen he declared that there must be some mistake. He showed cards and identity papers describing him as M. Stern, the politician.

M. Fayssat insisted that the man was his assailant. Notwithstanding this, the police were about to let "M. Stern" go when one noticed that he carried a second pocket-book. From that it was found that his real name was Paul Coquart. M. Stern, whose papers he had shown, had been "held up" by him earlier in the night.

The Right Rev. Bishop D. Pozzoni informs us that Father Lynch is leaving Manila to-morrow by the s.s. "Taming."

NEW CUNARDER.

LUXURIOUS STRAMER.

CHINESE DECORATIVE SCHEME.

The biggest merchant ship ever built on the Mersey is the new Cunard turbine liner *Samaria*, which has just been launched. She is a 21,000-ton oil-fuel steamer, with a speed of 15 knots. She is one of the new post-war type of moderate sized liners, and it is declared in ship-building circles that no more Lewis Aquitania will be built, at any rate for many years to come. The *Samaria's* measurements are: length 525ft. 6in., breadth 73ft. 6in., depth 45ft.

Though comparatively small the *Samaria* will be fitted on a scale of luxury hardly excelled by the greatest pre-war liners. Garden lounges and verandah cafes will be a feature, and the various public rooms have been designed to communicate direct with the main staircase which leads on to an imposing central hall.

The great oval lounge with its delicate Chinese decorative scheme will no doubt prove a popular resort for saloon passengers. The public rooms will all have small subsidiary rooms or alcoves which, while forming part of the general ensemble, will afford some degree of privacy for parties of friends.

The accommodation provided for first-class passengers includes dining rooms, lounges, smoking room, garden lounge; second-class passengers will have their dining room, drawing room, smoking room, and verandah cafe; while third-class passengers will be provided with dining room, general sitting room and smoking room. All these public rooms will be fitted with a system of hidden lighting. Powerful lights secreted in the domed ceilings will shed a diffused radiance. Music in the first-class dining room will be provided by a hidden orchestra.

An ingenious scheme of fenestration with mirrors between the windows will conceal the portholes. The third-class sleeping accommodation is unusually fine, and will equal that of second-class berths in any other ship. The *Samaria* will carry 325 third-class passengers.

It is significant of labour conditions in England to-day that the cost of building the *Samaria* was more by £1,250,000 than it should have been, owing to the attitude of the workers. W. L. Hitchens chairman of Cammell Laird and Company, the builders, explained at the luncheon held to celebrate her launching, that the *Samaria* should have been completed six months ago, but the men employed decided to work five and a half-hours a day, and to draw eight hours' pay.

HIGHWAYWOMAN.

PROUD OF LURING MEN TO BE ROBBED.

"It is so easy getting money from the 'chumps' that I wonder why I spent 20 years on a farm." This is the regret voiced by Mrs. Cleopatra Hurtzman, Chicago's young and pretty highwaywoman, who, as described in a despatch last month, had been exploiting a scheme of luring unsuspecting citizens to empty flats on the pretext that she had lost her way, and then abandoning them to the tender mercies of two men accomplices.

She was arrested at a house where, to cover her tracks, she had taken a position as housekeeper. Her husband and brother are also in the clutches of the law.

The young woman confessed to having lured more than 50 victims to various places, where the two men bound and robbed them and then decamped. But instead of expressing contrition, she boldly declared: "It served them right."

All men are the same," she said in the cynical manner of the conventional cinema adventures. "They are all ready to take advantage of women. Each was properly fooled. 'Some promised me furs and jewels. I laughed up my sleeve and led them to the empty flat, where my husband and the gang were waiting for us.'"

"I always kissed them once before leaving them tied up," she added maliciously. Cleopatra told the police that she was "a simple country girl" till she came to Chicago to earn her living as a waitress.

WIVES' NEW "RIGHT."

HOME ACCIDENTS.

COMPENSATION DEMANDED.

The first official act of the two women elected to the Kansas State Legislature is to introduce a Bill defining married women as being liable for any injuries the wives may sustain in the course of their household duties.

A further instance of "crank" legislation, of which the output is constantly increasing, to the impotence of ordinary citizens, is a Bill introduced in the Senate of Utah limiting the height of women's shoes to one and a half inches.

GERMANY'S POLICY.

AMBASSADOR'S VIEW.

"NO IDEA OF NEW WAR."

Reuter's representative had an interview with Herr Schamer, the German Ambassador, who for the first time gave for publication his views on the aims of Germany.

"Let me assure you," said the Ambassador, "that Germany has no idea of looking for a new war. We are astonished when we see from this side or the other suggestions of what we propose to do. Let us be quite frank. Our militarists are reduced to a position of impotence. We have no idea of war now or in the future, and as to France, we will not, and perhaps this is more important, attack France again. Therefore, I repeat, there is no idea of beginning a new war. Germany wishes to start afresh and is anxious to carry out the Peace Treaty as far as this is possible. I make a reservation here because there are certain points of the Treaty that are incapable of fulfilment. It is difficult to explain this briefly, but I would only refer to one point, where it is settled that Germany must refund all the expenses of the war. This is obviously beyond her powers. Germany wishes to come to terms with the Entente regarding what she shall pay and under what conditions she shall pay. We are quite willing to make all reparations as far as possible, but I must lay stress on the fact that payment should be in kind rather than in money. All this obviously depends on the revival of trade and commerce in Germany, because it is clear that we cannot pay other than in kind and in money which we obtain by commerce."

Dealing with disarmament the Ambassador said: "We are loyally carrying out the Spa agreement. We have disarmed the Einwohnwehr except in East Prussia and Bavaria. In each case we have special reasons for not doing so at the present moment. In East Prussia, the population against new Bolshevik attacks. In Bavaria we meet with the opposition of the Bavarian Government, based on the fact that in this region they have suffered by Communist upheavals. Bavaria can be easily overrun, and this necessitates the retention of a larger number of police. Our purpose is simply one of self-defence, and is in no way intended as a military menace to our neighbours."

In conclusion the Ambassador said: "There is in many cases a great misunderstanding of our position. Germany, let me declare to you, is not preparing for war—absolutely not. There are hotbeds everywhere, but to-day in Germany they do not count. It is a fact that even in 1914 a plebiscite of Germany would have shown a great majority against war. But we will not revert to that. To-day Germany only wants to rebuild her economic position and live in peace, co-operation, and friendship with the world. Again I repeat, 'We will not and cannot plan any attack against France.' Only one other matter. We are quite willing to dissolve our volunteers in East Prussia and Bavaria but we think it is a question of time and not of principle."

LATEST SHIPPING NEWS.

ARRIVALS.

The s.s. "Loongang," Capt. H. Simpson, 1,093 tons, arrived this morning at 6 a.m. from Manila with 1,164 tons of general cargo.

The s.s. "Tajee," Capt. Masaki, 1,044 tons, arrived this morning at 7.30 a.m. from Dairen with 635 tons of general cargo.

DEPARTURES.

The s.s. "Jacox," Capt. Appel, sailed for Singapore at 3 p.m. to-day with 2,000 tons of general cargo.

The s.s. "Eldridge," Capt. Brooks, sailed for Seattle via Shanghai at 4 p.m. to-day with 1,000 tons of general cargo.

CLEARANCES.

The s.s. "Daitoku Maru No. 2," Jap., cleared to-day and will sail for Tsingtao at 7 a.m. to-morrow.

The s.s. "Telesias," B.R., cleared to-day and will sail for London via Singapore at noon to-morrow.

An imminent salt famine is being felt in Fathian and the southern districts of the province according to vernacular reports and the price of salt is increasing and causing considerable hardship among the poor. A city of salt is selling in Fathian at the exorbitant price of 15 cents while in other districts, it is selling at nothing less than ten cents, per catty.

DAIRY FARM NEWS.

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ECONOMIC RECOVERY.

MERCANTILE MARINE'S PART.

INTERVIEW WITH SIR ALFRED BOOTH.

The world part that must be played by an efficient Mercantile Marine in the economic recovery of the nations was outlined in an interview given to the Press Association by Sir Alfred Booth, chairman of the Cunard Steamship Company, who are about to make a new issue of £4,000,000 seven per cent. debenture stock.

"The war," said he, "proved to every nation in the world the importance of a Mercantile Marine, but to us it proved once more that without our Mercantile Marine we could neither live in peace nor fight successfully when at war. The British Mercantile Marine suffered enormous losses from the enemy's submarine campaign. So far as cargo steamers are concerned these losses have already been made good, but in passenger vessels there is still much leeway to cover. Unfortunately the depreciation of our currency has increased the cost of ships, as of every thing else, so that every shipping company requires more capital to-day than in 1914 to carry on a business of the same size as before."

"The Cunard Company," he went on, "cannot be satisfied with the level of past achievement, but must strive to occupy a position, at any rate, of the place which was filled before the war by German steamers on the North Atlantic in particular. By its association with the Anchor and Brocklebank Lines to India and with the Commonwealth and Dominion Line to Australia and New Zealand, it had a wider sphere of usefulness and duty than ever before in the building up of British Empire trade. We cannot shirk our responsibilities, though the financial liabilities involved are large."

The boom of after-war trade has now given place to the inevitable reaction. The needs of the world, particularly of Europe, are as great as ever, but for the time being financial disorganisation in many countries has checked demand. This check is reflected in a reduced demand for tonnage, with a consequent easing of freight.

But the reduction in the prices of commodities and in the cost of sea carriage from the extravagant levels reached during the past year is the first necessary step to a healthy recovery of world trade on a sound basis. Freight-haulage has come down, too. The losses of the war must be made good by the production of the fruits of the earth from all parts of the world. Shipping will therefore play a great part in this process of recovery, and British shipping will not be behind-hand in the services it will render.

The fact, Sir Alfred concluded, "that we shall now depend more than ever on the service of our shipping for the invisible export which must help to balance our imports and pay for our external debt of itself, assures the future of our Mercantile Marine, unless we are prepared to admit the possibility of national bankruptcy."

DISARMAMENT.

PARTY IN JAPAN.

GREAT POPULAR CAMPAIGN.

Osaka, February 20.—Following the rejection in the Diet, ten days ago, of his motion calling for the restriction of naval expenditure through an agreement with Great Britain and the United States, Mr. Ozaki, the former Minister of Justice, is touring the principal cities of Western Japan in the cause of disarmament. Mass meetings are being held at Osaka, Kyoto, Kobe, and Nagoya. The editors of the *Asahi* and *Mainichi* are assisting Mr. Ozaki, both editorially and on the public rostrum.

For the first time, as regards such meetings, admission fees are being charged in order to help defray the expenses of the campaign. The meetings are everywhere attracting thousands of auditors.

Mr. Ozaki prophesies that a reduction of naval armaments will be agreed upon before the next session of the Diet.

THEATRE ROYAL.

"ARMS AND THE MAN."

OPENING TO-MORROW NIGHT.

The Warwick Comedy Company arrived yesterday by the s.s. "Gentara" from Shanghai. Mr. Warwick informs us that the season there has been the most successful one he has ever had there—in fact, so satisfactory was it that it became necessary to extend the season. This has, unfortunately, made the company a little later than was at first anticipated in returning to Hongkong, with the result that this visit will be a very short one.

The season will open to-morrow night with Bernard Shaw's "Arms and the Man." It is Shaw at his very best. Incidentally it gives good opportunity for effective stage settings, the scene being set in the Balkans. The military uniforms of the men and the quaint costumes of the women lend colour to the eye, while there is abundance of laughter right through the piece.

The following plays will be staged: On Wednesday N. & J. Thorpe-Mayne's mystery play "The Last Act," on Thursday "Captain Drew," on Friday "When we were Twenty-One" and on Saturday, the final performance, a repetition of that amusing play "Brown Sugar." The plans are at Moutrie's.

BANVARD MUSICAL CO.

It is an expensive business nowadays bringing a musical company to the East. Very few people realise it. It is said that the Banvard Musical Comedy Company is one of the costliest which has visited the East for some years. It has cost close upon £10,000 and it has been described not only as smartly produced and beautifully staged but as gorgeously dressed. The productions have been done by Mr. Charles Ross of London who has been responsible for some of Mr. Albert De Courville's West End Revues, and the dances and ensembles by Madam Raymond of the Empire Theatre, Leicester Square.

The cast, the biggest yet seen here, includes the following principals:—Winnie Goodwin, Viola Williams, Isabelle Horley, Grace Feathers, Leonard Neville, Adrian D. Ross, Douglas MacLaren, Ian McLean and in addition to this there will appear in support the "London Beauty Chorus" of twelve charming ladies, recruited from the Empire, Alhambra and Gaiety Theatres. To make a theatrical venture a success in India and the Far East there must be well-filled houses and it is hoped that this will be the case in connection with the Banvard visit on Monday, March 7.

The opening musical comedy is "Plums for Picking." There will be a reduced price matinee on Saturday, the 12th, at 4.30, the admission being \$3, \$2 and \$1, half price for children and soldiers and sailors. Booking is at Moutrie's.

JAPAN BUILDING. Commenting on the disarmament question, the *Asahi* declares that the time has come to rid the nation of the heavy burdens involved in the expansion of armaments. "The people," says the *Asahi*, "must take the situation in hand. The majority of Japanese are diametrically opposed to the stupendous expenditure on armaments. Even wealthy America is endeavouring to reduce her navy; Japan simply cannot waste money on armaments. Japan should take the initiative in universal disarmament."

The *Mainichi* similarly voices great distrust of the politicians and says that it is an open secret that Japan's naval programme is based on consideration of the United States as an imaginary enemy. Such an attitude on the part of Japan, it asserts, has resulted in an increase of armaments in the United States.

Continuing, the *Mainichi* points out that Great Britain has suspended the building of men-of-war, and says that it is the height of folly for the Japanese Diet to reject the proposal of Mr. Ozaki. Such action, it asserts, only causes Japan to be regarded as militaristic, and excluded from the international community; but its rejection does not represent national sentiment, but merely shows that the Legislature at Tokyo is composed of "ignorant politicians."—Reuter.

NOTICE TO SHIPPERS AND PASSENGERS.

PROJECTED DEPARTURES—CHINA COAST, ETC.

SWATOW.	
Mar. 1—O.S.K.	Soshu Maru.
1—D.L.	Haiching.
1—C.N.	Choyang.
2—C.S.N.	Choyang.
4—D.L.	Haiching.
4—C.S.N.	Choyang.
8—D.L.	Haiching.

AMOI.	
Mar. 1—O.S.K.	Soshu Maru.
1—D.L.	Haiching.
1—C.N.	Choyang.
4—D.L.	Haiching.
4—C.S.N.	Choyang.
8—D.L.	Haiching.

FOOCHOW.	
Mar. 1—D.L.	Haiching.
1—C.N.	Choyang.
4—D.L.	Haiching.
4—C.S.N.	Choyang.
8—D.L.	Haiching.

SHANGHAI.	
Mar. 1—C.N.	Choyang.
1—C.N.	Choyang.
1—C.S.N.	Choyang.
2—C.N.	Choyang.
2—C.S.N.	Choyang.
4—C.N.	Choyang.
4—C.S.N.	Choyang.
8—C.S.A.	Hwah Ping.

TIENSIN.

Mar. 3—C.S.N.	Choyang.
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PUKOW.

Mar. 1—C.N.	Choyang.
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HAIPHONG AND HOIHOW.

Mar. 2—C.S.N.	Choyang.
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TAKAO.

Mar. 1—O.S.K.	Soshu Maru.
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SAIGON.

Mar. 8—O.S.K.	Soshu Maru.
10—A.L.	Cadaretta.
18—M.M.	Portico.
20—A.L.	Lake Onawa.
25—A.L.	Cadaretta.

BANGKOK.

Mar. 1—C.N.	Choyang.
1—C.S.N.	Choyang.
8—O.S.K.	Soshu Maru.

SINGAPORE.

Mar. 1—B.P.	Tamias.
4—B.P.	Furys.
8—O.S.K.	Soshu Maru.
Apr. 3—C.M.S.	Nile.
30—C.M.S.	China.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS, ETC.

MANILA.	
Mar. 4—C.S.N.	Choyang.
19—C.M.S.	Nacking.

CEBU AND ILOILO.

Mar. 5—C.N.	Taming.
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JAVA PORTS, ETC.

CALCUTTA.	
Mar. 2—C.J.L.	Yan Choon.
4—C.J.L.	Ti Pak.
10—A.L.	Clymont.
12—N.Y.K.	(D.C.) S'rang. M.
20—A.L.	Lake Onawa.
24—N.Y.K.	(D.C.) Borneo M.
25—A.L.	Cadaretta.

INDIAN PORTS, ETC.

VALCUTTA.	
Mar. 3—C.S.N.	Choyang.
6—N.Y.K.	Toyocho Maru.
17—B.L.	Ararat Apar.
20—B.L.	Tanda.
28—B.L.	Gregory Apar.

BOMBAY AND COLOMBO.

Mar. 11—P. & O.	Siam Maru.
11—O.S.K.	Soshu Maru.
18—P. & O.	Alipor.
28—O.S.K.	Kasado Maru.
29—O.S.K.	Indus Maru.
Apr. 11—P. & O.	Indus Maru.
May 3—P. & O.	Diliwar.

AUSTRALIAN PORTS.

WYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.	
Mar. 8—E. & A.	St. Albans.
16—A.O.	Taiwan.
18—N.Y.K.	Nikko Maru.
28—F.Y.K.	Kango Maru.
28—F.Y.K.	Easton.
Apr. 11—C.A.	Victoria.
19—N.Y.K.	Nikko Maru.

JAPAN PORTS.

Mar. 1—N.Y.K.	Marusan Maru.
3—N.Y.K.	Ritao Maru.
6—B.L.	Gregory Apar.
8—C.S.N.	Choyang.
12—B.F.	Wakasa Maru.
12—B.F.	Arena.
18—B.F.	Idemitsu.
18—N.Y.K.	Hejin Maru.
18—N.Y.K.	Nikko Maru.
18—M.M.	Chik.
21—B.F.	Eipor.
21—B.F.	Adachi.
21—B.F.	Adachi.
Apr. 1—B.F.	Pyrrhus.
13—B.F.	Telmachus.
18—B.F.	Agapod.
18—B.F.	Eipor.
May 1—B.F.	Hector.
8—B.F.	Macdon.

AMERICAN PORTS.

VANCOUVER.	
Mar. 8—O.S.K.	Africa Maru.
5—D.L.	Bessie Dollar.
11—N.Y.K.	Toyocho Maru.
11—O.P.O.	Empress of Japan.
21—O.P.O.	Empress of Asia.
21—O.P.O.	Empress of Russia.
Apr. 1—O.P.O.	Empress of Russia.
May 10—O.P.O.	Empress of Japan.
22—O.P.O.	Empress of Asia.

VICTORIA.

Mar. 2—O.S.K.	Africa Maru.
3—N.Y.K.	Fushimi Maru.
9—N.Y.K.	Fushimi Maru.
11—N.Y.K.	Kashima Maru.
Apr. 20—N.Y.K.	Kashima Maru.

SEATTLE.

Mar. 2—O.S.K.	Africa Maru.
3—N.Y.K.	Fushimi Maru.
11—N.Y.K.	Toyocho Maru.
12—A.L.	Wheatland M.
15—B.F.	Talhybina.
21—A.L.	City of Spokane.
21—B.F.	Talhybina.
21—N.Y.K.	Kashima Maru.
Apr. 8—B.F.	Protesilaus.
25—B.F.	Trocer.
June 16—B.F.	Talhybina.
July 6—B.F.	Talhybina.
7—B.F.	Talhybina.

SAN FRANCISCO.

Mar. 7—T.E.K.	Korea Maru.
12—S. & D.	West Houshaw.
19—T.E.K.	Siberia Maru.
27—J.C.V.	Tikombang.
30—C.M.S.	Nanking.
31—T.E.K.	Tenyo Maru.
Apr. 21—C.M.S.	Nile.
27—T.E.K.	Shinyo Maru.
May 18—C.M.S.	China.

PORTLAND.

Mar. 7—A.L.	Swet.
Apr. 4—A.L.	Coast.

LOS ANGELES.

Apr. 3—L.A.P.	West Hike.
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VALPARAISO.

Via JAPAN, HONOLULU, SAN FRANCISCO.	
SAN PEDRO, SALINO CRUZ, BALBOA.	
CALLAO, ARIKA & IQUIQUE.	

NEW YORK.

Mar. 2—S. & D.	Lancaster.
5—D.L.	Bessie Dollar.
Apr. 19—B.F.	Swet.
Mar. 3—B.F.	Enrypylus.
6—B.F.	Kentucky.
22—N.Y.K.	Akita Maru.
27—B.F.	Lancaster.
Apr. 5—B.F.	Kadashan.

SOUTH AFRICAN PORTS.

Mar. 13—M.M.	Porthos.
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DURBAN AND CAPE TOWN.

Via SINGAPORE, BUELOS ABES, RIO DE JANEIRO, SANTOS AND MATHURICS.	
Mar. 13—O.S.K.	Seattle Maru.

EUROPEAN PORTS.

BRINDISI, VENICE, & TRIESTE.	
Mar. 8—L.T.	Hungaria.

MARSEILLES.

Mar. 13—M.M.	Porthos.
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LONDON.

Mar. 1—R.F.	Thesias.
4—F. & O.	Kashgar.
8—B.F.	Helena.
11—B.F.	Stenor.
11—N.Y.K.	Kieit.
11—G.L.	Glenaville.
17—T.M.T.	Himalaya.
18—N.Y.K.	Shunko Maru.
18—N.Y.K.	Mishima Maru.
20—P. & O.	Karmala.
21—B.F.	Keenun.
24—N.Y.K.	Mito Maru.
25—P. & O.	Kashmir.
Apr. 1—P. & O.	Nankin.
1—N.Y.K.	Sado Maru.
5—B.F.	Nigebow.
12—R.F.	Thesias.
12—F. & O.	Rhyber.
12—B.F.	Alvex.
26—R.F.	Eipor.
23—P. & O.	Soudat.
May 13—P. & O.	Pyrrhus.
June 10—P. & O.	Nakoya.
24—P. & O.	Arachides.
July 7—B.F.	Telesias.

LIVERPOOL.

Mar. 1—B.F.	Achilles.
12—N.Y.K.	Tamta Maru.
22—B.F.	Knighr Carter.
22—N.Y.K.	Idemitsu.
Apr. 13—B.F.	Idemitsu.
19—B.F.	Aph.
July 7—B.F.	Telesias.

ANTWERP.

Mar. 4—N.Y.K.	Kieit.
11—B.F.	Reitor.
18—N.Y.K.	Mishima Maru.
18—N.Y.K.	Shunko Maru.

ROTTERDAM.

Mar. 15—H.E.A.L.	Tijmooet.
24—N.Y.K.	Mito Maru.

AMSTERDAM.

Mar. 1—B.F.	Telesias.
8—B.F.	Helena.
11—B.F.	Reitor.
24—N.Y.K.	Mito Maru.
24—B.F.	Ningchow.

HAMBURG.

Mar. 8—R.F.	Helena.
15—H.E.A.L.	Tijmooet.
16—N.Y.K.	Shunko Maru.
24—N.Y.K.	Mito Maru.
26—R.F.	Ningchow.
Apr. 10—J.O.L.	Alderamin.
May 10—H.E.A.L.	Alon.
July 10—H.E.A.L.	Alchiba.

BEWARE OF COLDS.

CHILDREN are much more likely to contract the contagious disease when they have colds. Whooping cough, diphtheria, scarlet fever and consumption are diseases that are often contracted when the child has a cold. That is why all medical authorities say beware of colds. For the quick cure of colds on will and nothing better than Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It can always be depended upon and is pleasant and safe to take. For sale by all Chemists and Storekeepers.

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AFTER SUN-SET.

The Strange Malady of a Young Girl in Singapore.

Syed Abdollah Alsagoff, son of the late Syed Alsagoff, the famous merchant of Singapore, says: "I cannot but think that Dr. Williams' Pink Pills were the means of saving my sister's life. Everybody marvelled at her cure. The facts of this young lady's case as related by her brother on her behalf, are as follows—

"Some time ago my sister was suffering from Anemia and a sort of fever which came on every evening soon after sunset. We had her under medical treatment, but gradually she got worse and worse. Her face was pale and baggard, she became so thin that she was nothing but skin and bone and discharging to look upon. Sleeplessness troubled her greatly, her appetite was very poor and she only wanted to eat sour things. She became so weak that for many months she was confined to her room.

"I desired for her recovery until one day I read that Dr. Williams' Pink Pills are a cure for diseases of this character. Then I persuaded my sister to try these famous Pills, and the experiment proved a great success. The first bottle of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills relieved her considerably and produced signs of decided improvement. So she continued taking them until she was entirely well. She is now strong and healthy, has a good appetite and has increased in weight. The fever has disappeared."

Although styled by the alliterative title "Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People," Dr. Williams' Pink Pills have been used and endorsed by people of almost every race and clime for over thirty years as the world's great remedy for disorders arising from impure, watery blood or disordered nerves. They are obtainable from medicine vendors everywhere also, post free, 3 bottles for \$1.50, six bottles for \$3.00, from the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., 98 Seachuen Road, Shanghai.

HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE.

HONGKONG, 28th FEBRUARY, 1921.

OFFICIAL QUOTATIONS.

11 A.M.

Sterling Exchange 2/5 T. T.

Barter

Hongkong Bank \$700 hnd. 750/2 sa. d

East Asia Bank ... \$116 1/2

Marine Insurance

Canton Insurance ... \$425 b.

North China Insurance ... \$115 b.

Union Insurance ... \$115 b.

Yantai Insurance ... \$24 b.

Far Easterns ... \$720 b.

Fire Insurance

China Fire Insurance ... \$125 b.

Hongkong Fire Insurance ... \$23 b.

Shipping

H. K. Steamships ... \$67 1/2 b.

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240 b. H.K.R.

Shell Transportes ... 150 b.

Star Lines ... \$24 b.

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Malabar Sugars ... \$80 b.

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Kailash Mining Adm. ... \$50 b.

Langkat ... \$113 b.

Hongkong Hoyle ... \$187 b.

Hongkong Lands ... \$128 b.

Shanghai ... \$79 b. & c.

Kowloon Lands ... \$364 b.

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On Shanghai—

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On demand ... 97 1/2

Gold Leaf, 100 fine (per oz.) ... 51.80

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TO-DAY'S CABLES.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

LONDON CONFERENCE.

ALLIES PREPARED FOR ALL CONTINGENCIES.

COERCIVE MEASURES CONSIDERED.

LONDON, February 27.

Although no formal conferences have been held since Saturday, the conference members during the week-end were by no means idle. A number of sectional meetings of individual delegations are to-day thrashing out details of the questions that have arisen during the past week and are likely to arise in the future. Up to the present no meeting has been arranged for to-morrow. The full will probably not be broken until the Greek and Turkish delegations have received replies from their Governments. Mr. Lloyd George, Mr. Briand, Lord d'Abernon, Marshal Foch, and others conferred for an hour this evening at Chequers, after which Mr. Lloyd George declared: "We are prepared for all contingencies."

MEANS TO ENFORCE PARIS DECISIONS.

LONDON, February 27.

A Havas correspondent at Chequers states that Mr. Lloyd George and Mr. Briand, in the course of conversations with Marshal Foch, considered the sanctions to be enforced against Germany in the event of Germany's not accepting the conditions of the Paris agreement. The Premiers were agreed with regard to the necessity of summoning a commission of experts with a view to considering the enforcement of the sanctions decided by the Paris conference.

General Nollet, president of the inter-Allied Control Commission has arrived in London to attend the conference.

PARIS, February 27.

Speaking in the Chamber of Deputies, the War Minister, M. Barthou, stated that the mobilized first contingents were intended to safeguard France's security. They would also enable her to bring pressure to bear upon adversaries attempting to escape their obligations. All material and equipment needed were ready.—Vale

EIGHTY GERMANS ARRIVE.

LONDON, February 28.

With the arrival in London of the German Foreign Minister, Herr von Simons with a party of some 80 Germans, including a score of newspaper correspondents, who will be housed at the Savoy Hotel at the British Government's cost, practically all the participants in the fateful reparations conference are now on the spot. The German delegates include General von Seckt, the War Minister, Herr Schroeder, Finance Minister, Herr von Lesnere, Minister of Economics, and Herr Bergmann of the Reparations Commission. It is reported from Berlin that Herr von Simons comes with limited powers and cannot pledge Germany to any given course off his own bat but at each step will telegraphically seek the sanction of his Cabinet who will be in something like a perpetual session for the purpose.

WHAT WILL GERMANY DO?

There is great secrecy in Berlin with regard to the German counter proposals but the favourite report at present is that cabled on February 27, that Germany will offer a total indemnity of £7,500,000,000 spread over thirty years. It is also rumoured in Paris that the principle of the German counter proposals will be raised on handing over to the Entente a certain percentage of the shares in German industrial concerns.

"GERMANY WELL ABLE TO PAY."

While the Germans were coming to London the Entente chiefs have been conferring at Chequers in almost summerlike weather with apparently very satisfactory results, judging by Mr. Lloyd George's declaration "We are prepared for all contingencies." Whilst the Germans will have an opportunity of proposing methods of payment of the indemnity, there seems little chance of their being able to secure any material reduction of the indemnity if the second report of the economic experts at the Brussels conference now issued be any criterion. This gives weighty reasons why Germany is well able to pay and points out that her actual economic situation is better than that of any other Continental State. Her industrial plant is undamaged and she has very little foreign indebtedness. The low exchange value of the mark greatly favours the foreign trade. Disarmament will immensely relieve her finances and the abolition of conscription will greatly increase her productive manpower.

THE COAL INDUSTRY.

LONDON, February 26.

The Secretary of the South Wales Coal Owners' Association denies the report that the coal owners have decided to give the miners a fortnight's notice on March 31.

LORD MILNER'S HONEYMOON.

LONDON, February 28.

Lord Milner and his wife are spending their honeymoon in the South of France.

SENTENCED TO DEATH.

PRAYERS FOR CONDEMNED SINN FEINERS.

A REPRIEVE URGED.

LONDON, February 28.

Six Sinn Feiners are being executed at Cork barracks this morning, five for preparing an ambush and the sixth for possessing a revolver and for "Night Fighting." Prayers were offered in the Catholic churches for "grace and a happy death" for the condemned men. Cork Corporation has urged a reprieve, while in the case of the sixth prisoner, the jurisdiction of the military courts to impose the death sentence has been challenged in the King's Bench in Dublin.

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"KRENN"	23rd Mar.	London, Amsterdam, & Hamburg
"NINGCHOW"	5th Apr.	London, Amsterdam, & Antwerp

LIVERPOOL SERVICE

	(Direct or via Continental Ports)	
"ACHILLES"	1st Mar.	Genoa, Marseilles, Liverpool & Glasgow
"TELAMON"	22nd Mar.	Havre & Liverpool
"ET OF THE GARTER"	29th Mar.	Genoa, Marseilles, Liverpool & Glasgow
"IDOMENEUS"	12th Apr.	Havre & Liverpool

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From	Per	Time
Strait	Monday, February 28.	Yoshi Maru
Strait	Tuesday, March 1.	Maru Maru
Shanghai	Wednesday, March 2.	Kansu
EUROPE via Suez (Letters only London 17th Jan.)	Thursday, March 3.	Kitao Maru
Strait	Thursday, March 3.	Wakas Maru
Swatow	Thursday, March 3.	Toyooka Maru
Japan and Shanghai	Friday, March 4.	Toyooka Maru
Manila	Friday, March 4.	Fushimi Maru

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For	Per	Time
Dalry	Monday, February 28.	Shimizu Maru 4 p.m.
Samah and Wuchow	Monday, February 28.	Roshow 4.30 p.m.
Philippine Islands	Monday, February 28.	Apus 5 p.m.
Strait	Tuesday, March 1.	Southern Maru 9 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy, and Takao	Tuesday, March 1.	Chengtu 9 a.m.
Swatow and Hongkong	Tuesday, March 1.	Hunan 10 a.m.
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Amoy and "Shanghai and North China"	Tuesday, March 1.	Sinking 11 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Fochow	Tuesday, March 1.	Haiding 11 a.m.
Shanghai and North China	Tuesday, March 1.	Hanyang 5 p.m.
Swatow, "Shanghai and North China"	Tuesday, March 1.	Choyang 5 p.m.
Pakhoi and "North China"	Tuesday, March 1.	Kaiping 5 p.m.
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Hohow, Pakhoi and "Shanghai and North China"	Wednesday, March 2.	Loongang 8 a.m.
Strait and Bangkok	Wednesday, March 2.	Haitan Noon
Strait, Bangkok, Egypt, and EUROPE via MARELLIES, Registration 1.45 p.m. Letters 3.30 p.m.	Wednesday, March 2.	Achilles 5 p.m.
Swatow and Bangkok	Wednesday, March 2.	Chansang 5 p.m.
Strait, "Shanghai and North China"	Thursday, March 3.	Hupoh 9 a.m.
Swatow, "Shanghai and North China"	Thursday, March 3.	Kansu 11 a.m.
Shanghai, North China, Japan, Honolulu, Canada, United States, Central & South America, and EUROPE via VICTORIA, B.C. Registration 9.45 a.m. Letters 11.30 a.m. The Parcel Mail will be closed on Friday, 4th March, at 5 p.m.	Thursday, March 3.	Africa Maru 3 p.m.
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Swatow, Amoy and Fochow	Friday, March 4.	Haiding 11 a.m.
Philippine Islands	Friday, March 4.	Loongang 2 p.m.
Tientsin	Friday, March 4.	Chipping 5 p.m.
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Shanghai and North China	Saturday, March 5.	Soochow 11 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Fochow	Saturday, March 5.	Kaijo Maru 9 a.m.
Shanghai and North China	Sunday, March 6.	Yingchow 9 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Fochow	Sunday, March 6.	Kaijo Maru 9 a.m.
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Amoy, "Shanghai and North China"	Monday, March 7.	Haiding 11 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Fochow	Monday, March 7.	Haiding 11 a.m.
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Swatow, "Shanghai and North China"	Tuesday, March 8.	Tientsin 11 a.m.

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